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BRITISH GUNS POUNDING AT DAKAR WHILE DE GAULLE TRIES TO LAND

FRENCH SUBMARINE IS SUNK DURING BIG NAVAL ACTION

Special to the "Telegraph"

THE BRITISH NAVAL ACTION AT DAKAR IS STILL IN PROGRESS ACCORDING TO LATEST ADVICES. CAREFULLY WORDED COMMUNIQUE INDICATING THAT AFTER GENERAL DE GAULLE'S UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT LAST MONDAY TO TAKE THE COLONY WITHOUT BLOODSHED, THE BRITISH FORCES SWUNG INTO ACTION.

ONE LONDON ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS THAT GENERAL DE GAULLE WITHDREW HIS FORCES SOME DISTANCE, AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT WHILE THE BRITISH ARE NOW FIGHTING, GENERAL DE GAULLE IS WORKING THROUGH HIS SYMPATHISERS INSIDE DAKAR TO OVERTHROW THE VICHY AUTHORITIES.

GENERAL DE GAULLE HIMSELF YESTERDAY ISSUED A STATEMENT THAT THE OPERATIONS AT DAKAR WERE CONTINUING AND THERE WAS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THEY WOULD END SUCCESSFULLY.

FRENCH PLANES RAID GIBRALTAR

He explained: "The operations were decided upon to prevent French West Africa from falling into German hands."

He added that there had been infiltrations of German and Italian officers at Dakar during July and August.

R.A.F. ATTACK ON NAZI M.T.B.s

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Five German E-boats—fast motor torpedo boats—cruising off Cap Gris Nez were bombed by six British bombers this afternoon.

The boats were strung out in line several miles from the French coast and were clearly visible from the Kent coast.

A German seaplane circled above.

Dive-Bombing

Suddenly half a dozen R.A.F. bombers swooped from high clouds and started dive-bombing.

Columns of water a hundred feet high leapt into the air along the line of motor boats, hiding the latter from view.

Protecting Spitfires sped across the sky as the bombers re-climbed for another attack.

No direct hits were observed but all the boats turned and dashed for the shore.

CHANNEL OPERATIONS Brest Bombed

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Further British bombing operations on the French and Belgian coast is announced by the Air Ministry news service.

At the naval station of Brest this morning long lines of bombs were dropped on the torpedo boat station, oil tanks and stores.

Heavy explosions were followed by four fires.

A pillar of dense black smoke enveloped the harbour and flames were visible more than 30 miles from the French coast.

Other aircraft of the Coastal Command laid sticks of bombs across the canal mouth at Zeebrugge. Unusually large flames followed the explosions of their salvos.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Firmer Tone Follows
Keynes' Broadcast

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day responded to Mr. J. M. Keynes' broadcast last night on the United Kingdom's finances after one year of war by a firm tone, particularly among the gilt-edged securities, among which small gains were general.

Industrials were supported from the provinces while Kaifir dividend payers benefited by the late local buying. Other groups were irregular. Wall Street was firm.

DEFENCES SOLID

German Raids On London Fail

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Two attempts by masses of German planes to reach London to-day failed completely.

The capital had two warnings but no raiders got through.

Over 130 aircraft participated in the first raid, flying up the Thames Estuary in tight formation which was broken up by British gunners and fighters.

One German bomber is reported to have crashed into the sea off Whitstable.

They Turned Tail

Ten minutes after the second wave of raiders arrived they were racing for home, fighting a rearguard action with a strong force of Hurricanes which pursued them home and which are believed to have shot down one near Calais.

Rouls were inflicted in both raids despite the fact that stronger escorts than ever were provided for each bomber.

Many bombs were dropped in Thames Estuary towns, some falling in the working class districts.

BUCHAREST, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—It is officially confirmed that Rumania is demobilising on a large scale.

Some 120,000 men were released from the forces last week.

The General Staff has been authorised to demobilise up to 40 per cent. of the army in order to supply the needs of agricultural labour.

Six Attempts To Land

Vichy declared that the British forces made six attempts to land under the command of General de Gaulle; four were made at Rufisque and two further to the southeast of Dakar.

Shelling of Dakar by British warships continued throughout the day after the Dakar authorities had rejected an ultimatum delivered at 1.20 a.m. and due to expire at 6 a.m.

"The Battle Continues"

According to the Vichy statement the ultimatum warned Dakar that unless it surrendered the British Commander felt it his obligation to attack and occupy the city with troops.

The Governor of Dakar is reported to have replied: "France has confidence in Dakar and me. I will defend Dakar to the end."

The communique then laconically concludes: "The battle continues."

It appears that when General de Gaulle first attempted to land he used unarmed men flying the French colours and a white flag; they were fired upon by the Dakar navy and several men were killed.

General de Gaulle then withdrew his troops because he said he did not want fighting to break out among Frenchmen.

Gibraltar Raided

The report that Gibraltar was attacked by French planes in retaliation for the action at Dakar appears to be substantiated by a message from Lalline which says that 30 French planes, apparently using bases in French Morocco, bombed Gibraltar at intervals of ten minutes for an hour and a half.

It is believed that gasoline depots were among the objectives and dense smoke was seen rising from Gibraltar.

Anti-aircraft guns were in action continuously from 12.40 p.m. to 2.05 p.m.

The French raiders are reported to TURN to Page 5, Column Two

OFFICIAL VERSION Why Attack Was Launched

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—General Charles de Gaulle decided to invade Dakar following German and Italian infiltration and assumption of control there, states a communique issued at the General Headquarters of the Free French forces.

Attacking forces were composed of military, naval and aerial units. The French troops were escorted by battleships of the Free French Navy.

British naval forces were present only to assure supplementary protection against any attack carried out with German participation.

Dakar Responsible

Dakar authorities were the first to assume the responsibility of opening hostilities against the French.

Several members of the crew were killed and a large number wounded.

Desiring to avoid a fight between Frenchmen, General de Gaulle removed his force to a distance.

The Dakar authorities have not ceased firing on the French forces and British ships since the start of operations.

GIBRALTAR RAIDED BY FRENCH, SAY REPORTS



A striking picture of Gibraltar which, according to various reports, was yesterday heavily attacked by 30 French planes in retaliation for the British action at Dakar. Gibraltar still remains Britain's greatest strategical possession in the Mediterranean.

Chungking Urges British To Open The Burma Road

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Sept. 24 (UP).—Britain is being urged by Chungking to open the Burma Road.

The official "Central Daily News" to-day declared that opening of the Burma Road by Britain was essential if the Japanese were to be prevented from invading Burma through Indo-China.

"The invasion of French Indo-China, under the pretext of a passage for Japanese troops to march on China, is really a move to attack Far Eastern possessions of the British Empire such as Hongkong, Singapore and Burma," declared the editorial.

"The best and most effective self-protection for Britain is to reopen the Burma Road," concluded the paper.

Chinese Protest Rejected
A Vichy message from "Domel" says that M. Baudouin, the French president, has rejected the demand.

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LATEST

More Fighting In Indo-China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HANOI, Sept. 24 (UP).—It has been officially announced that the Japanese renewed their attacks on the Kwangsi-Indo-China border with increased intensity this afternoon.

Unconfirmed reports state that 200 Japanese prisoners have been taken and the French have admitted a total of 20 casualties up to noon to-day.

The third air raid alarm was sounded in Hanoi this afternoon. Posters have been placed throughout the city urging everyone without urgent business to evacuate immediately.

See Back Page For Further Late News

Britain's Splendid Shipping Position

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—That Britain to-day controls more shipping tonnage than before the war but that the war has increased the demands upon it are the outstanding points in a statement by Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping, reviewing the position at the beginning of the second year of the war.

Germany now controls only about two-thirds of the pre-war tonnage and that is restricted to the Baltic and a limited part of the European coast-line.

Italy is in a similar predicament with only three quarters of her pre-war ships.

By contrast British ships continue to sail the oceans despite attacks by submarine raiders, mines, aircraft and lately, by E-boats.

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3rd \$20. 4th \$12.50.

SECTION FOUR
(Craftsmen's Section)
The whole of the work entered in the production of every entry must have been done by the competitors who will be required to make a declaration to this effect. Each entry must have pasted on the back a special entry form obtainable on application from The Hongkong Telegraph or from the Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Photographic Society. Subjects at the discretion of competitors.

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RULES

- The following Rules will govern the Competition.
- The Competition is confined exclusively to amateur photographers.
- No employee or member of any firm in the photographic trade is permitted to compete.
- The prizes will be awarded to the competitors sending in what are adjudged to be the best photographs in each Section. Each group in each Section is a group in which will be published during the period of the competition and which must be pasted on back of entry.
- The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
- All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
- No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.
- All entries to be either black, sepia, or toned pictures, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.
- Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a small print in black and white.
- No picture to entered to more than one Section.
- Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes: 10x12, 10x30.
- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- Members of the Staff of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
- At the conclusion of the Competition, entries will be returned to competitors on application at the Telegraph offices within seven days.

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Please use block letters and paste this on back of each entry in sections 1, 2 and 3.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

It has been brought to our notice that a certain Chinese person has been endeavouring to collect subscriptions on behalf of the South China Morning Post War Fund. The public is hereby notified that no authority has been granted in such connection and that on no account should money be paid to unauthorized persons.

Official receipts are issued by this Company to all subscribers. The public is hereby warned not to give donations to such person or persons, and is requested immediately to notify this office if requested so to do.

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In connection with the proposed establishment of an Immigration Department in Hong Kong, applications are invited for posts of temporary Assistant Immigration Officer.

The approximate salary of the posts will be \$450 per annum (inclusive), and appointments will be terminable at one month's notice.

Applicants should be British subjects of pure European descent between the ages of 21 and 28 and should have passed the London matriculation examination or a recognized equivalent examination.

Applications should be addressed to Mr. J. H. B. Lee, c/o Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. General Secretary, H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall.
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The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

British Air Raids On Berlin

Barrage Falls To Check R.A.F.

Berlin, Sept. 24. British bombers inflicted some fatalities and set fire to certain sections of Berlin last night and this morning during the capital's longest alarm of the war.

The enemy planes came over the city in waves, dropping incendiary and incendiary bombs, despite the city's heaviest barrage yet. It was learned to-day that the alarm was sounded at midnight at Stettin. Details are lacking.

The roar of the ground batteries was the loudest Berlin has known. Guns fired from all parts of the city, virtually without pause. The motors of the British planes on their second visit in as many nights could be distinctly heard from the United Press office.

As if in defiance of Germany's threat to annihilate the British nation, the planes came over earlier, arriving even before the alarm was sounded at 11:23 p.m. The all-clear signal was sounded at 3:10 a.m. United Press correspondents on their way home after the alarm saw two large fires, apparently from burning warehouses or factories, in north-west Berlin. Thousands of people crowded towards that section after the all-clear signal freed them from the shelters.

German Accusation

To-day's official communique stated: "Last night several British planes, despite a very heavy anti-aircraft defence, succeeded in flying over the outer districts to the north and east of Berlin, dropping bombs. The location of the bomb craters, far from any objective of military or war importance, is new proof that the British fleet attack residential quarters with full intention. As a result there has been some property damage to private houses and several civilian deaths. Others were dropped in the city centre. No military damage resulted."

The British planes dropped dozens of flares, at which tracers were aimed. The majority of the flares appeared to the north-west of Berlin, beyond the section of the first anti-aircraft attack. The bombs were dropped in Southern and Central Berlin (one illuminated the United Press office and its vicinity).

Unlike last night, searchlights were most active during the last two-thirds of the night's raid. Several times more than six converged on a single point in the sky. From the other two glares were observed in the north-west Berlin and one in the south-east. There were sporadic detonations, apparently from bombs—United Press.

11 Killed: 14 Injured

Berlin, Sept. 24. According to authentic articles 11 people were killed and 14 injured in last night's raid on Berlin—United Press.

Damage Inspection Refused

Stockholm, Sept. 24. The Berlin military authorities are granting foreign journalists there no facilities to inspect damage done during last night's R.A.F. raid, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Aften Bladet. He adds that the attacks were the most serious and most intensive yet made—Reuter.

Air Ministry Report

London, Sept. 24. An Air Ministry communique issued to-day stated: "Throughout last night strong bomber forces of the R.A.F. delivered heavy attacks on military objectives in and around Berlin. This attack was on a much larger scale than any yet carried out and preliminary reports show that extensive damage was done. Among targets selected by our aircraft and heavily bombed were Rangsdorf Railway Station and several goods yards, including that at Grunewald, the west tower of the Wilmerdorf electric power station, gas works at Danzigerstrasse and Neukolln and factories at Charlottenburg and Spandau (including the Brandenburg motor works)."

"During the night Channel ports in enemy occupation were vigorously attacked. Three of our aircraft have not returned."—British Wireless.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS DONATIONS TO CHARITABLE AND OTHER CAUSES

Totals of \$1,345,266.09 and 428 were reached yesterday by War Fund inaugurated by the South China Morning Post, Ltd. The latest donations are: Directors, British-American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd. in memory of the late Mr. F. Stafford Smith, 50; Staff, British-American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd. in memory of the late Mr. F. Stafford Smith, 104; Mrs. N. Passmore and Dudley, in memory of the late Mrs. Louise Murray, 10; Anonymous (Hampden), 28.

GIFTS FOR REFUGEES

The Director of Medical Services acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following donations: From Mr. Ho Kwan-ying, Vice-President of the Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association, \$350 to cover the cost of printing 50,000 propaganda pamphlets issued by the Association. From Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, representing the Kwangtung Red Cross, \$28.50 for repairs to damage caused by typhoon at the Lo Shui Ling refugee camp at the frontiers. From the National Women's Relief Association, \$25 for an organ for the Katsching Camp School.

DOGS' HOME

The Hon. Secretary of the Dogs' Home acknowledges receipt of a donation to the home of \$50, in memory of the late Mrs. Maud Woods, from Mrs. L. Hall.

Shanghai Volunteers

Large Contingent For Service

The largest of recent contingents of men who have enlisted in Shanghai for war service, numbering 35, arrived at Hongkong yesterday on board a British liner, on their way to Malaya and India to serve with the British Army.

Many outposts in North China are represented in the group, which includes both single and married men. Another contingent of about 150, will follow in a month's time.

Also on board the same liner are 12 Frenchmen from Shanghai who are travelling to London to join General de Gaulle's forces. They are led by M.P. La Roche de La Roche & Co.

The British volunteers include several men from Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd., Butterfield and Swire, and other well known British firms in the Far East. Some of these firms are interested in the paying their former employees 25 per cent of their salaries for the duration of the war.

Nearly all the members of the British community in Shanghai assembled on the Bund to cheer the contingent as it left to embark on the liner.

Their ship slowly passed the Italian liner Conte Verde which is sheltering in the Whampoa, the volunteers lined the quays and shouted with shouts of "Varetti" and "Adowa" as well as "We'll see you in the Near East," one of the British stated yesterday. The Italians on board gesticulated wildly and hurled back a torrent of abuse.

Caporetto was the scene of a severe Italian rout by the Austrians in the Great War, and the Italians also suffered a defeat at the hands of the Abyssinians at Adowa in an early campaign in Africa.

About 25 of the volunteers are going to Bombay to undergo training at a Cadet school, after which they will be granted commissions with the Indian Army. The remainder are proceeding to Singapore.

Those who arrived yesterday included Mr. T. W. Gubb, former deputy secretary of the Shanghai Municipal Council, who recently resigned to enlist, Mr. R. G. Woodhead, well-known Shanghai newspaperman and son of Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, editor of Oriental Affairs, Mr. G. John Winney of Thos. Cook and Son, and the following members of the staff of Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd.—Messrs. S. J. Ward, R. R. Eckford, C. V. Eckford, R. J. Lucas, S. Martin, D. Campbell, D. Aucott and A. A. White.

Others were Mr. J. Wilson of Butterfield and Swire, Mr. D. L. Hume, Mr. J. Moore, and Mr. W. Williams of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Mr. D. Weardon of the Mercantile Bank; Mr. H. Fabian of MacKenzie & Co.; and the following from the Kaifu Mining Administration—Mr. M. Mout, Mr. A. Newland, and Mr. H. Colter.

Three of the volunteers, Messrs. G. B. Shutter, G. A. Clayton and R. Garrard, were members of the Royal Artillery Association in Shanghai.

Evacuation Exemption Considered

Appeals To Be Heard Publicly

The following official communique to the Press was issued yesterday afternoon, by the Colonial Secretary:

In connection with the recent appointment by His Excellency the Governor of an Evacuation Advisory Committee for reporting information regarding the procedure to be adopted by the Committee is notified for general information.

1. The Committee will consider applications for exemption from evacuation of women and children who have not already been granted exemption, and applications on behalf of women or children who desire to return to the Colony. It is emphasized that permission to return will be granted only in entirely exceptional cases. Appeals on medical grounds or on grounds of individual hardship will not generally be considered.

2. Applications should be made in the first place in writing, a full statement of the grounds on which the application is made being given. The Committee will consider such applications in private.

3. In the event of an application made under paragraph 2 not being granted, the applicant may apply to the Committee for a hearing in person. Such applications will be heard in public session of the Committee.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

THREE PAPERS TO BE READ AT TO-DAY'S MEETING

A meeting of the Hongkong Branch of the China and British Medical Association will be held at the Queen Mary Hospital at 9.15 p.m. to-day with the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, in the Chair.

Two papers will be given by Professor K. H. Digby, M.B., F.R.C.S., entitled (1) "The twelfth rib inclusion in kidney and other operations," and (2) "An aid to ventriculography."

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1.45 Dvorak—Quartet in A Flat Major Op. 105—Prague String Quartet.
2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Selections from Noel Coward's Hits.
6.28 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.30 An Hour of Popular Classics.
7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Albert Sandler (Violin) and his Orchestra.

8.30 Studio—"Great Authors" No. 4: Scott; Talk by Father Ryan S.J.

8.50 The B. B. C. Wireless Singers. O Hush Thee, My Babe (Scott and Sullivan); Who will O'er the Downs so free (Pearson).

9.00 London Relay—The News.
9.30 London Relay—Matters of Moment.

9.45 Rale da Costa and Harry Jacobson. (Two Pianos).
9.57 p.m. Dance Music and Variety.
11.00 Close Down.

MESSAGE TO KING

CONGRATULATIONS ON ESCAPE FROM BOMBS

The following telegram from the Acting Governor, Hongkong, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, London, was sent on September 20: "In the name of this Colony, I request that my thankful congratulations be offered to Their Majesties on their recent escape from bombing attack."

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Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 28

Sandakan 8.30 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 27

Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa 3.30 p.m.

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Monday, Sept. 30

Parcels, Sept. 30, 10.30 a.m.

Letters, Sept. 30, 11.30 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 1

Air Mail for Indo-China, Malaya, Java and Australia by the "Imperial Airways Service". K.P.O.

Reg. Oct. 1, 5 p.m.

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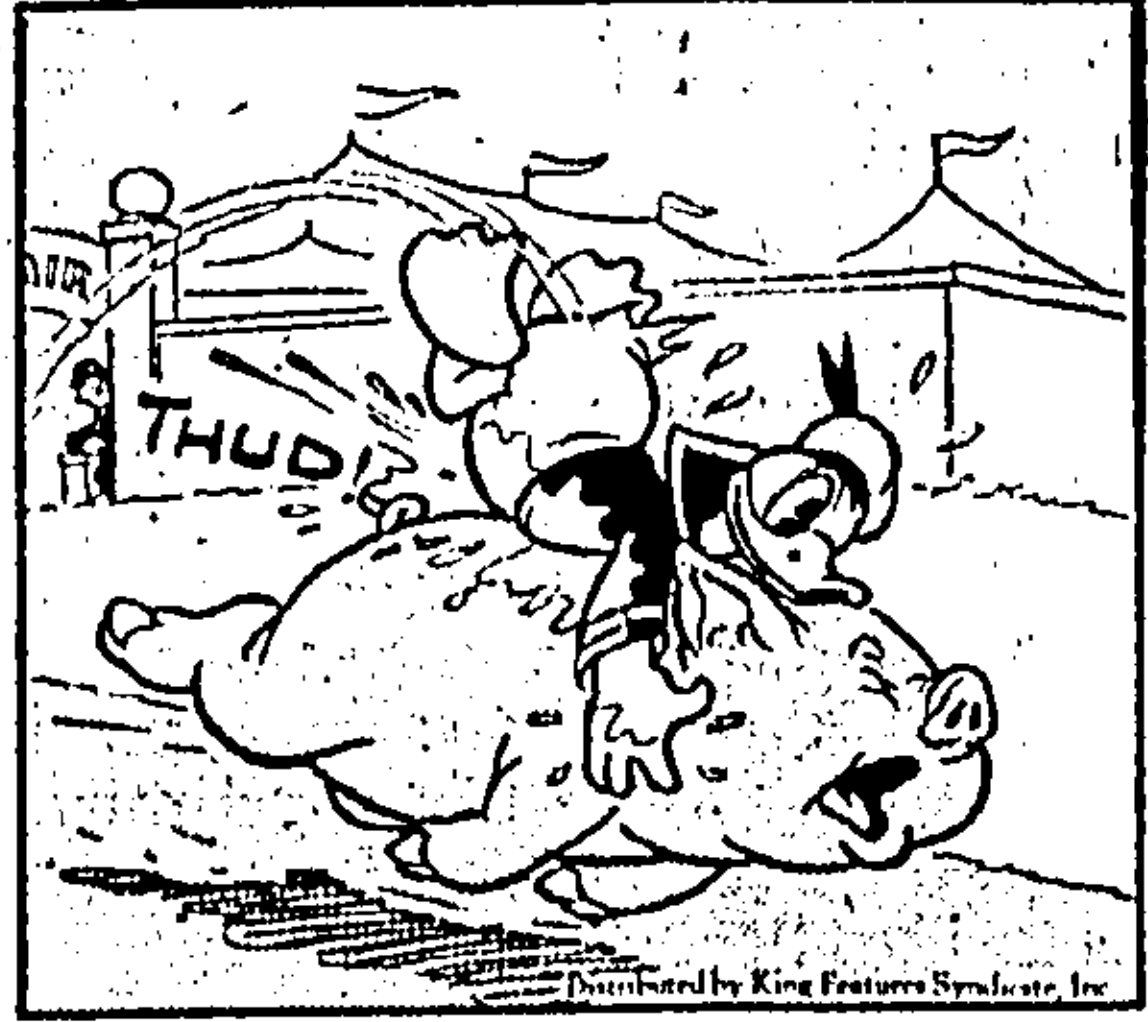
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CONSIDER THE TWO BLOCKADES

By F. Kingdon Ward
The Scientist And Explorer

JAPAN is blockading China in the East as Great Britain is blockading Europe in the West. That is a very significant fact.

It means that the Eurasian continent is shut off from the world on three sides, Europe being geographically no more than the north-western peninsula of Asia.

The Polar Sea keeps the fourth side closed for six or eight months in the year. Thus Great Britain and Japan are blockading half a hemisphere.

It will be interesting to compare Japan's blockade with Great Britain's, and see how far they resemble one another and wherein they differ, both as regards their incidence and their results.

The Japanese blockade stretches from Shanghai to Haiphong, a distance of 2,000 miles measured along the steamship route down the China coast; the British blockade reaches from the North Cape inside the Arctic Circle round the Atlantic coast of Europe and through the Mediterranean to Haifa, a distance of 5,000 miles. Thus both navies have a formidable length of coastline to watch.

Asia To Europe

Beyond that stark fact, there is no possible comparison; the task of the mightier British navy is incomparably more difficult.

It is not merely that the European coast is far more complicated and hazardous than the China coast, it is not that Dictator Europe has a navy of sorts, whereas China has none, and cannot build one because she has not a single seaport; but Japan has large armies operating on the China coast and mainland. There is no point where a ship could discharge cargo with the hope of reaching the Chinese armies in the interior.

There are a dozen overland routes from Asia into Europe over which Great Britain has no control—through Murmansk, or via the Trans-Siberian railway, or the Turk-Sib railway and the Caspian Sea, and others. But as soon as Japan had, by diplomatic pressure, stopped the passage of arms to China, by the French railway from Haiphong, and similarly closed the Burma Road, she had almost completely cut off China's land communications with the outside world.

Although there are several overland routes into China from the south and west—ones eastwards from Mandalay to Kengtung for example—on the Chinese side of the frontier they are too primitive to be of use because communications inside China have only of late years been developed beyond the horse-and-cart stage. One possible motor road remains open, that through Russian Central Asia into north-west China.

China's Resources

While Britain does not control the overland routes into Europe

from the East, she has a splendid ally in the great deserts and mountain ranges which stretch across the continent, cutting off the tropical lands and preventing tropical produce from reaching Central Asia.

Moreover, British sea-power makes itself felt as far east as Singapore, so that in effect there is at present only one overland route available to Europe, and that the longest of them all—the Trans-Siberian route via Vladivostok. That is the only route by which the raw materials of the British can reach Germany.

China is a country an ancient trade route. She is a producer of the best tea, opium, and silk, and need to import any of the necessities of life from the outside world. She is a highly industrialised region, and must import a considerable proportion of its food.

China needs munitions, machinery, motor transport, and petroleum. Germany, too, needs petroleum, but after that her chief requirements are food (cereals), fodder, rubber, fats, vegetable oils, and certain minerals such as nickel, tin, copper and ferro-alloys. Most of these China could supply.

Problem Of Oil

Oil is vitally necessary to both blockaded countries. Europe, of course, imports the bulk of its oil by sea, and Germany is now reduced to what she can get from Rumania and Russia, what she can manufacture and her stored reserves.

China has no oil store, does not manufacture oil and cannot import it from overseas. But China has one advantage denied to Germany, oil is found in China itself, although the amount at present available represents only a fraction of what is needed.

Just as Germany can get oil from Rumania, so can China get oil from Burma. Doubtless a profitable oil smuggling organisation will spring up, once over the frontier, oil can be carried by mule to the motor road.

If we compare the areas under blockade, we find that Europe, excluding Russia, has an area of, in round numbers, 1,610,000 square miles, about half of which (803,459 square miles) is enemy territory. However, for blockade purposes, all Europe is under control.

China proper, comprising the 18 provinces, has an area of just under 4,300,000 square miles, of which about a quarter is uneasily occupied by Japan. While the blockade of this huge territory is not thorough as the blockade of Europe, its effects are less felt in proportion, as China is less delicately organised.

China, it is true, cannot build a ship or launch a ship. She is even more tied to the continent than is Nazi Germany, with infinitely inferior overland communications, internal and external. Nevertheless, it must not be forgotten that the land frontier open in her rear is three times as long as the European land frontier open to Germany.

Closed Burma Road

The immediate situation for China is critical. The closing of the Burma Road marks the last move in the total blockade by Japan. Though it is now the close season for dirt roads within the monsoon belt, there is a real danger that it has been closed for the duration. The moral effect is bound to react unfavourably on up-keep, but by the end of the rains, in November, a deterioration will have set in.

Neither China nor Japan shows the least inclination to make peace; and it will be an awkward moment when Britain is asked to re-open the road. On the other hand,

if the situation in Europe has improved that will ease the tension in the Far East.

There has always been a possibility of China looking elsewhere even to Russia for that help which Britain is at the moment unable to give her.

The only other possibility was the United States, who has been supplying Japan with nearly three-quarters of her war materials, on a cash-and-carry basis. From the moment that Britain closed the Burma Road a new situation was created, to Germany a claimant for the place of the United States.

Consequently, the position of a steel ring of ships is blocking the continent from Narvik to Vladivostok. In the face of this pressure, an internal resistance has been set up. Asia is hollow, and nations within a vacuum.

Already China is looking westwards as Germany is looking eastwards beyond the Urals. Somewhere towards Central Asia they are reaching out to one another from stern motives of self-preservation, however little they approve of one another morally.

And there, sprawling across the northern horizon from sea to sea, lies the great bulk of Russia, the life-line between Europe and the Orient.

Precious As Exports

The success of the British blockade turns chiefly on the stoppage of oil of certain ores and of all tropical raw materials reaching Europe. Much of this last is grown in one-croped China, where a great variety of economic products such as soy bean, groundnuts, tung oil and many fibres such as cotton, jute and ramie have long been cultivated. 60 per cent of the world's antimony comes from China and unlike Germany she produces tin, wolfram, and other ores. No amount of blockade can deny her these.

Industrial China, including the coal and iron districts of the north, and the great factory centres of Shanghai, Canton and Hankow, is an enemy land. This includes practically the entire network of railways and the northern rice plain between the Yangtze and Yellow rivers. Still more significant is the fact that Indonesia could supply those raw materials of which Germany is most in need, especially rice, coconut, cotton, rubber, tung, tin, and wolfram. These also might reach Germany overland via China and Russia.

A working alliance between Germany and China as a result of the Continental blockade is logical but difficult to achieve—physically because of the great distances to be covered, in regions scantily populated; politically because Russia is the linchpin of any mutual assistance pact.

Russian and Chinese interests conflict in Central Asia, Russian and German interests in south-east Europe. In any event the strengthening of the trans-Continental routes will take time, perhaps a generation, and the need is pressing. That is why Hitler has been urging his claims in tropical Africa, which is much nearer and might be expected to supply him until Asia is ready.

China And The Axis

The final outcome of the blockade must be to speed-up in every way trans-Continental communications by land and air, and to drive agriculturally rich China into the arms of industrially organised Europe, with Russia as linchpin. This is what is happening in Asia now. China is being drawn as by a magnet towards the Axis. Nor would this paradoxical result make for improved relations between London and Tokyo. Taking the short view, Great Britain, with her hands full in the west, had to close the Burma Road or suffer certain obvious consequences. Taking the long view, it was a profound mistake, for little worth; nor is it too late to make amends to a valiant country fighting for freedom.

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



Dover is Mastering the Enemy's Tricks

By L. D. HUNTER

TO those of us who knew the Straits of Dover during our last period of disagreement with Germany the first months of this war presented a strange contrast.

From the early days of the 1914-18 campaign we had been confronted with a German penetration to the coast, with Newport-Bains, some 20 miles, N.E. of the sorely-tried town of Dunkirk as the high-water mark of the enemy's advance. Dover sea forces were thus early reconciled to the permanent presence of the enemy within a few miles of their gates, and took action accordingly.

Almost daily contact with shore batteries and surface ships was the order of those days, in addition to the operations necessary for the blocking of the Straits against enemy submarines. Although the air menace in all its modern aspects confronted Dover from the beginning of the present war, this last duty—prevention of submarine activity—was the principal pre-occupation of the Command there during the winter of 1939 and the spring of 1940.

News of surface craft likely to menace the Dover area only began to come through during the weeks preceding the invasion of Holland and Belgium.

Indeed, if reports are to be believed, even to-day the surface forces of the enemy are for the most part conspicuous by their absence even since the Continental shores of the Channel were laid open to them, and would seem to have been principally used for the hit-and-run operations of motor torpedo-boats.

Not that such activities are in any way to be despised, nor are they easy to counteract. But we have heard of none of the spectacular destroyer combats with which Dover was so much associated in the last war. An occasional submarine hunt, ending in a kill, was the only event of moment during the first seven or eight months of the war; if we except the epic of the evacuations.

Since May, however, there have been factors which have changed all that. Not only is the enemy once more upon the door-step, but almost he has entered the hall; at least he has created the impression of a desire to mount the stairs.

Under the constant menace of the air from bases brought unpleasantly close, and even—if the experts are to be believed—of long-range bombardment from the German-occupied coasts across the street, in support of unwelcome cutters, Dover has had to readjust its outlook on life in general in a manner which seems almost unbelievable to veterans of the last war.

Barbed wire entanglements, interspersed with pill-boxes and other precautions for the disillusionment of the enemy lie athwart our usual promenade, and the daily life of naval and military organisations has had to adapt itself to the stern requirements of the sirens' frequent wailing.

The problem is being met, of course, by provision of offices underground, where it is possible for the machinery to function regardless of whistle-blowing, sirens and gunfire. Underground, therefore, has coyly retired the army of "black-coated workers" necessary to the servicing of a modern garrison and naval base—and even some of the militant ranks retire thither likewise in the intervals of their above-ground activities.

Opposition had to be encountered from some die-hards, and also from the high officers of the women's services, jealous for the well-being of their charges thus condemned to something like troglodyte existences, though it is acknowledged that means must be found for essential work to be continued.



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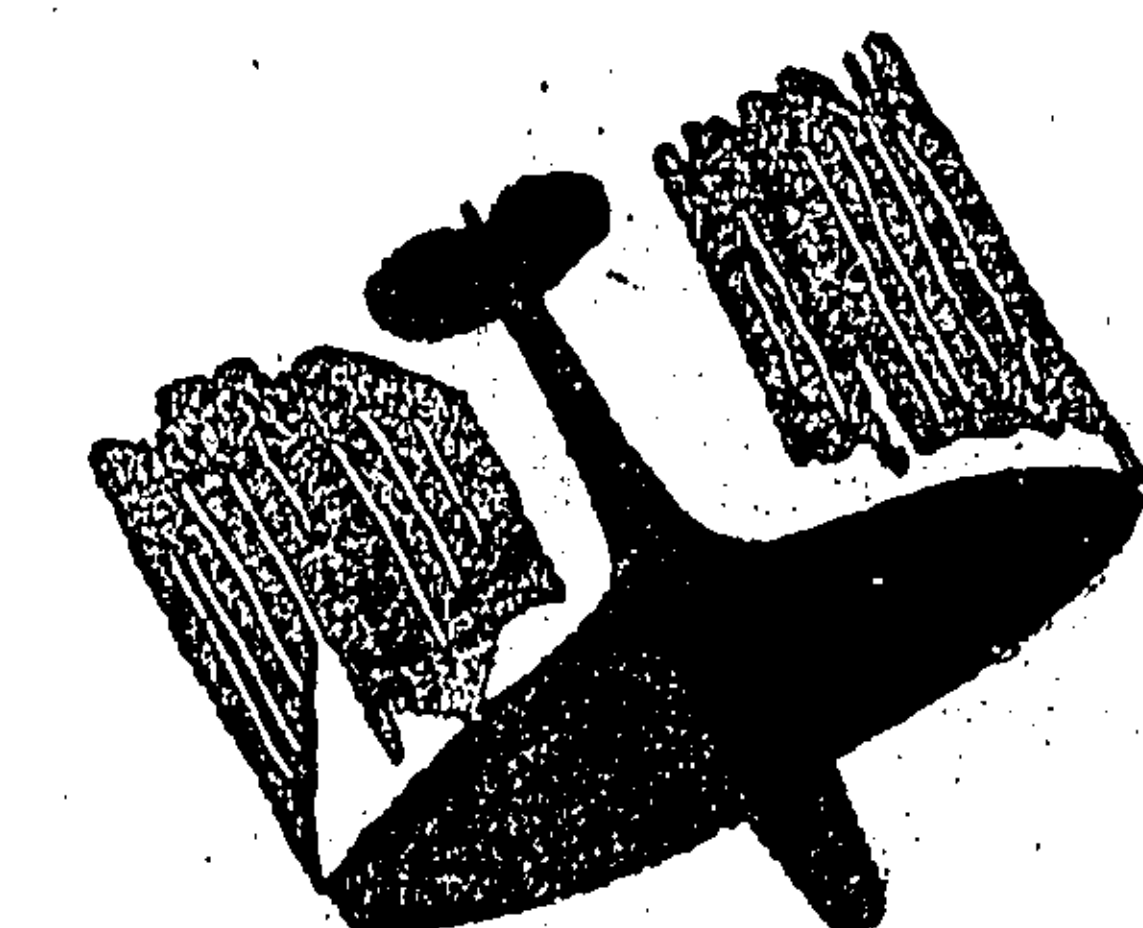
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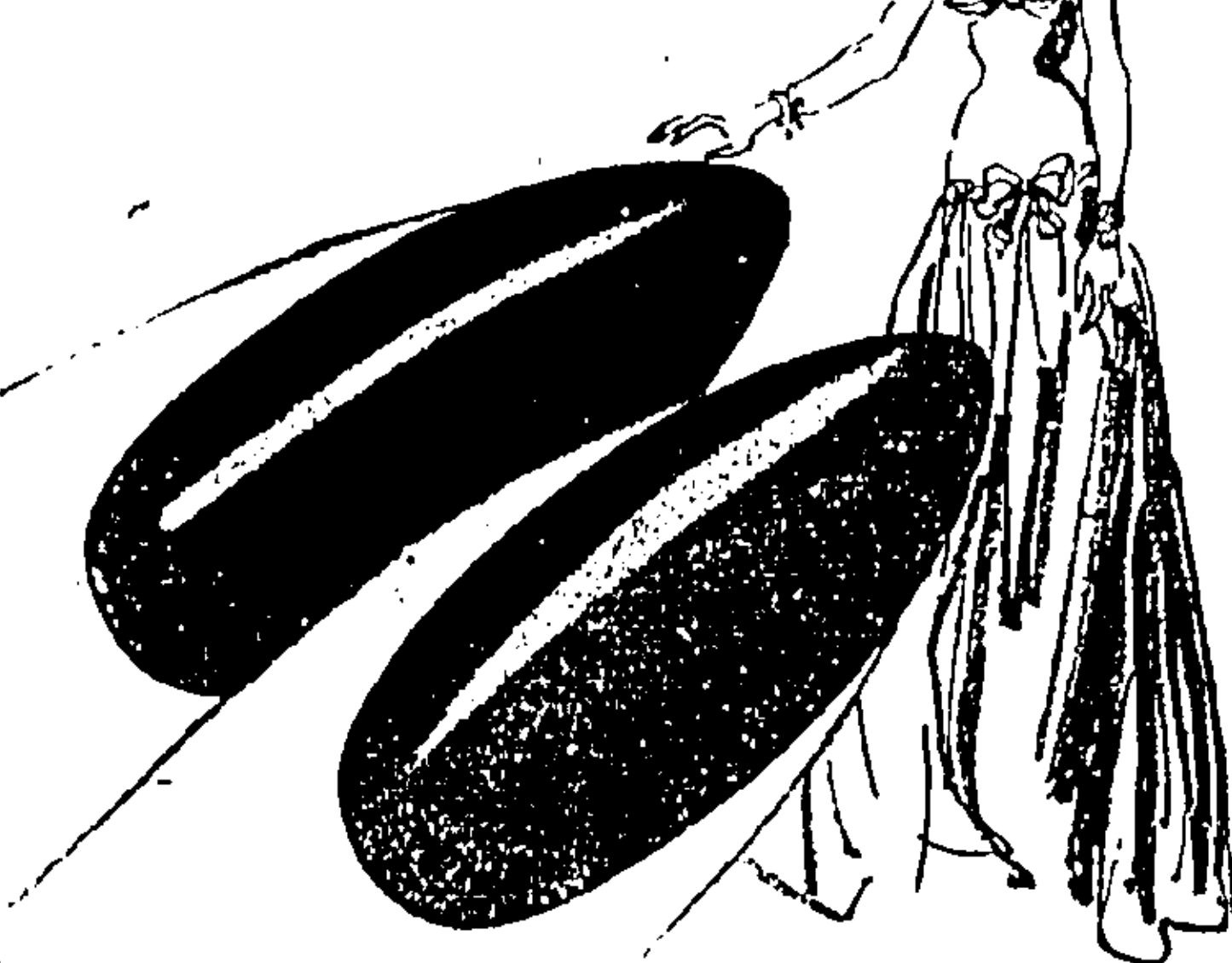
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The Free Press

In a survey of the modern Press, Mr. Wadhvani Steed, a former editor of The Times, London, describes journalism as something more than a craft and different from an industry. In his view it is a vocation, which is at once an art and an industry. It is a trusteeship, not unlike that which is held by physicians; with this difference, however, that while a dishonest doctor can harm at worst only a few dozen or a few score patients, a dishonest journalist may poison the minds of hundreds of thousands of his fellow-men. The moral responsibility of the Press is thus akin to that of ministers of religion, statesmen and the leaders of public thought.

There are important considerations in view of the fact that what appears in the news and editorial columns of the daily press constitutes so much, perhaps the greater part, of the reading of the people at large. One of the practical problems of the Press is to decide upon the length of editorial articles, preferred by the average reader. Mr. Steed is quite sure that newspaper readers do not now possess the powers of sustained attention that they possessed before the Great War. Newspaper articles are now, as a general thing, shorter than they used to be, and this, it is said, is at least partly due to the fact that when people have undergone a long period of strain they are apt to be impatient with any statement that they cannot take in almost at a glance.

Nevertheless, it is tolerably clear that the continual use of short disjointed sentences in an ill-constructed paragraph containing mere slogans and brief ex cathedra utterances, while it may suit people in regimented countries who feel themselves incapable of thinking things out for themselves, does not satisfy thoughtful men in free countries. There are no shortcuts to the formation of sound opinions. Of course, short and pithy articles have their place, but there is something to be said for the easier and more leisurely style. In point of fact, a severely condensed article may make greater demands on the attention than a longer one. Anyone who wishes to do so may make an interesting experiment. Let him take an essay of Bacon containing say 350 words, read it once, and then try to give the substance of it in his own words.

Mr. Steed has something to say upon the subject of broadcasting, and what he says is the more interesting in that he is a broadcaster as well as a journalist. He says that broadcasting has a wider appeal than the printed Press, because the newspaper public is a reflective public, whereas a broadcaster may speak to literate and illiterate alike. Tennyson said, however, that things seen are mightier than things heard, and most people are more impressed by the printed word, which remains, than by the spoken word, which flies. They like to see the news in actual print. They want to take it in more fully and think it over. Perhaps that is one reason why we are so regularly reminded that "further details will be found in your local newspaper."

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my son, my son!

I CAN see now in all its details, as clearly as though I had left it but yesterday, the dingy little furnished room in the drab Manchester slum street which Dermot O'Riordan and I had shared for so many of our youthful years.

I can see the two iron beds in the corner, the two cheap chairs and the broken-down bureau before whose distorted mirror Dermot was shaving in preparation for the most momentous event in his life.

"Bad cess to it!" cried Dermot. "I would cut meself to-day of all days! Hand me a piece of paper, Will."

Without rising from my trunk-packing, I reached over to the table, pulling off the top sheet from a stack of hand-written pages, and passed it to him.

"I can't use this, man!" said Dermot. "It's the story you're writing." His puckish, snubbed nose poked forward inquiringly at me as always when he was excited.

"Use it," I said curtly. "That's all it's good for."

"Ah, there ye go now. Letting old man discouragement ride on your shoulders! You've got talent and imagination and heart! Why, man, the whole world is open for you to write about! I've no patience with a man who has no faith in himself. Will Essex?"

"It's easy for you to talk, Dermot," I replied. "You want to be the finest cabinet-maker in England. Meanwhile you work in wood. . . . you can see what you're accomplishing and you get paid for what you do. I want to be a writer—but no one will pay me to write. I have to take any old job I can find that gives me a bare living and a chance to write on the side. Anyway, there you are—all packed and ready to go off and claim your bride!"

Dermot glanced up at the wall. "All packed! It's a fine packer you are, leavin' my picture of Brian Boru himself hangin' on the wall!" He stepped over and stood in front of the old Irish king's picture. She-dressing it. "It's hanged enough I am that you've had to repose in this mildewed boardin' house and you the greatest of the Irish Kings! Will, if I ever have a son I'll give him back to Ireland—to live the life I missed!"

"If I ever have a son," I countered, "I'll get him out of a slum like this out of a life like this."

When Dermot was at last shaved and dressed in his meagre best, and the drayman had removed his few effects for the trip to Liverpool where his Sheila lived, we shook hands warmly.

"I'll be seeing you as soon as I bring Sheila back," said Dermot. "Mind you, and yourself a good place to live."

"I'll have to be a cheap one until I get a job. But I'll be all right."

"Sure and you'll be all right. Both of us will be all right. He struck an attitude. "Remember the lad with the banner. Excelsior!"

"Onward and upward!" I responded.

"Me and my hands—you with your head! Goodbye, Will."

"Goodbye, Dermot."

I find myself wandering through Shelley Street, a meaner street even than the one in which Dermot and I lived. The janitress at Number 28 eyed me with open hostility.

"You'll find no cheaper lodgings around here, Mister, but you can look elsewhere for all I care."

"A family I knew used to live here a dozen years ago. Name of Essex?"

"Never heard of 'em."

A strange sadness came over me. The day she was married, I muttered. "She had nine children. She died in it herself. And you never heard of her!"

I moved slowly along to the corner. There was Moscrop's bakery, with its fly-blown window full of breads and cakes. Nothing was changed here; but inside through the open door I could see Mr. Moscrop, now grown old and very fat, and a rather pretty, very prim-looking young girl who must be his daughter Nellie.

With them was a husky, rough-looking youth talking volubly, evidently engaged in some sort of altercation with old man Moscrop. I could hear his trade, interspersed with crude blingings.

"What if I am short in my collections! How much do yer pay me for drivin' yer blasted van, anyway? I don't like yer bloomin' job, an' I'm chuckin' it this very minute!"

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to Nellie, who had refused to accompany me to the O'Riordans because it was Chapel night.

Sitting up in bed in her high-necked, long-sleeved nightgown and two braids of hair lying along her back, she must have been stirred by my excited awe at the thought of Dermot's having a son. She smiled a little shyly, looking down at the bedclothes.

"I didn't mean to tell you so soon, Will, but you needn't envy Dermot. Not for long."

Overcome with joy, I determined then and there that my son (and I never doubted it would be a son) should be born away from the slum in which his parents had been reared.

I would sell the bakery, move to the seaside, make my living by writing books and more books—I would work my fingers to the bone so that my son might be reared in decent, clean, respectable surroundings and have every advantage that poverty had denied me in my childhood.

After the bitter exhaustion of my early youthful struggles to write an acceptable novel, the composition of more books came comparatively easy to me.

My maiden book sold few copies but won me a respectful reception at the hands of the critics. My second did only a little better for me pecuniarily, but established me more solidly in literary circles as a young author who stood on the threshold of fulfilling marked promise.

And when my third book was published, it soon became evident that I had at last hit the mark—that this effort was being taken to the bosom both of the critics and of the reading public.

We sold "The Beaches," the little tree-bordered suburban house where Oliver was born, and in partnership with Dermot and Sheila we purchased a large house in the country.

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take you to Chapel. Who knows you might convert a heathen."

"I'd like to," she said shyly. "Thank you, Mr. Essex."

I sat through the services as attentively as my thoughts of my postponed writing would permit. When we returned home we found Mr. Moscrop lying in a huddled heap at the foot of the staircase, as though he had been trying to gain his bedroom during a particularly severe attack.

I bent over the inert form for a moment, with Nellie's frightened sobs in my ears. Then I arose and placed my hands gently on her shoulders.

"There's nothing we can do, Nellie. There's nothing anyone can do!"

She leaned against me, letting her grief and fright and loneliness pour themselves out unchecked. . . . Perhaps I had already known that sooner or later I was going to marry Nellie Moscrop.

Significant as the event was in my life, the arrival of the printed copies of my first published book was overshadowed by something even more portentous. For on the same night Dermot O'Riordan's son was born.

This, in my own envious eyes, caused my accomplishment to pale almost to nothingness. Arriving while Dermot was polishing the beautiful new cradle he had carved and keeping a constant ear cocked upward toward Sheila's bedroom, I almost forgot to mention my book.

Yet Dermot was vastly delighted at it, and even more at the dedication. "To my friend, Dermot O'Riordan, without whose good advice and bad language, this book would never have been started."

As soon as the child was born I up and left the room, I hurriedly

chased "Heronwater," a good-sized estate perched high on a rocky cliff overlooking a sandy cove in Cornwall. Oliver was now eight, just a few months younger than Dermot's boy, Rory; and a year older than the little girl, Maive, whom Sheila had born to her husband.

Nellie and I had frequent little encounters over the rearing of our son. Her leaning was all toward the firm but just hand, the prim correctness, tinged with devoutness, that had been the keynote of her upbringing.

My ceaseless delight in the child, my joy in the mere fact that I had a son for whom I planned every happiness I myself had missed in my childhood and youth—these were things beyond her ken or without the orbit of her sympathies. And she noted (though she said little about it) the thousand little ways in which I spoiled the lad.

One evening while I was putting Oliver to bed, Rory burst into the room, towing his father by the hand. Over Dermot's laughing protests, the boy insisted upon recovering from Oliver a book he had lent him—"The Irish Kings."

"Oh, Rory," protested Oliver, "you're always losing things. You know I haven't got your book."

But Rory insisted with a simple earnestness that could not be denied. Finally I suggested that we look over the books on Oliver's shelves, until I espied one that looked unfamiliar. It bore a paper cover on which a childish hand had lettered the title, "Adventures."

Opening the book out of curiosity, I discovered that it was Rory's "Irish Kings." Surprised and disturbed at Oliver's subterfuge, I nevertheless said nothing immediately, but returned the book to the shelf and permitted the search to end in failure.

But after Dermot and Rory gave up and left the room, I hurriedly

slipped off the paper cover, stowed the book under a seat cushion, called them back, and pretended to find it there on a last sudden chance.

As they withdrew again, the boy clutching his book happily, Nellie came into the room. I confronted Oliver sternly.

"Oliver, why did you steal Rory's book?"

"Steal it? But I didn't steal it!"

"It was in the bookcase. You must have put it there. And you said that Rory had taken it away with him. Wasn't that a lie?"

"Yes, it was a lie. And I know I stole the book."

"If that isn't stealing," I said, becoming almost angry at him for the first time in my life, "what do you call it?"

Oliver explained patiently, with disarming candor. "Don't you see? I took it because it was Rory's. I love Rory, and I wanted to have something belonging to him—something that he loved. You believe me don't you, father?"

With a vast sign of relief I put my arm about him. "Yes, I believe you, Oliver."

During all this Nellie listened silently. But when Oliver went off to the bathroom to wash his face, she turned to me grimly.

"What are you going to do about this?"

"Why, there's nothing to do. It's all settled."

"Whether I'm anything to you or not. I'm the child's mother. Do you think it doesn't matter to me that he's growing up a cheat and a liar?"

"Oh, it's not that bad," I said. "Oliver got his sense of right and wrong a bit muddled. Natural for a child—but these things are easily straightened out with understanding and love."

"I'm not blinded by what you call 'love,'" she interrupted. "Bringing up a child to think he can do what he likes! I think Oliver should be thrashed for what he has done."

"I don't," I replied quietly. "And if you have no other suggestion, I may as well go." I left the room and started down the hall to my own room, realising only now how much the incident had shaken me.

As I stood staring out of a window, a series of sharp, agonised cries came from Oliver's room. "No! No! Don't! Don't!"

I dashed back into the room and seized from Nellie's hand the cane with which she was punishing the child. As I wrenched it from her grasp the boy suddenly turned upon me and drove his little fist into my face with all his strength, crying "Don't hit my mother!"

Although the blow was a puny one, I staggered back a mortal injury. Astonishment, grief, anger crowded one another in my confused thoughts. That he should take Nellie's side against me—against his father who had been both mother and father and good fairy to him—was something I could not grasp. Oliver and I stood facing each other for a moment, then I turned and walked blindly out of the room.

Nellie joined me a little while later.

"I'm sorry for—for what happened," she said, her voice shaking a little; "but I had to do and say what I believe to be right."

"I know—I know. The best thing for all of us now is to try and forget it."

"No. We've got to have an understanding about Oliver. You're always made his upbringing your business. It's always your son—your son!"

"Nellie," I said slowly, "why did you ever marry me?" I continued as she looked at me, bewildered and anguished in her eyes. "We're miles apart on everything—on the kind of books I'm to write, on where we are to live, on how to bring up our child—everything! I don't mind for myself—but I mind for Oliver."

"Oh, Oliver!" she cried almost fiercely. "That's the root of it! Everything for Oliver! Everything!"

"Why not?" I said slowly. "What else has our marriage brought me?"

For a moment we stood looking at each other, the veil between us rent. Then Nellie turned and hurried from the room.

(To be continued)

SEXES TO GET SAME PAY-RATE

INDUSTRY COULD USE 250,000 MORE WOMEN

THERE IS SCOPE TO EMPLOY 250,000 MORE WOMEN IN INDUSTRY—IF THE RIGHT NUMBER OF SKILLED MEN AND WOMEN COULD BE FOUND FOR KEY POSTS. BUT FINDING THE SKILLED WORKERS IS A PROBLEM, MR. ERNEST BEVIN, MINISTER OF LABOUR, TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr. Bevin also announced that long hours of work in war factories will cease and normal hours will be restored.

Referring to the labour problem, Mr. Bevin declared: "The country needs to understand the financial and capital loss it is suffering in this war owing to the neglect and the allowing to rot of so many skilled men and women in the last fifteen years. It must never occur again."

No Minister of Labour—however much energy he had—could make up, except by devious methods and dilution, the loss that the nation had sustained.

"We will, however, do our best and we are going to try to use the services of both men and women to the utmost," he said.

Same Rates As Men's

Order was being rapidly produced out of the chaos that previously existed. It was dominated by the Supply Department in the amount of employment that he could find.

Women must be enrolled for industry in far greater numbers as the programme developed. Their wages would be on the principle of the "rate for the job." That is, the same rates as are paid to men. Recently the Factory Act became demoralised. His appeals—arising from great exasperation—to work extraordinarily long hours had resulted in many cases of young people working seventy to eighty hours a week.

He felt it his duty to stop that, and from August 1 the Factory Acts would come back into full operation.

"All the evidence goes to show that we have carried on with these long hours too long, and production is on the decline rather than the increase," he said.

He hoped that employers would use the scale of times and rates that the Ministry were now suggesting.

"Most Encouraging"

"Our first great object is to win this war," he said. "We are going to win it."

"There is a lot of criticism of Generals and the Army and a lot of ignorant criticism."

"I do not expect Generals to be perfect because I was a general secretary. I do not expect perfection anywhere."

"But since the return of the forces from France anyone inside who knows what has been going on and the remarkable organisation that has developed has been amazed at the achievements in the last five or six weeks. It is most encouraging."

Mr. Bevin said that he was now considering a scheme for which Treasury sanction had not yet been obtained—to provide scholarships for people in factories to have a period of training at universities and then return to industry.

How Many In An L.D.V. Battalion?

FACTS recently given about the L.D.V.s, now organised to cope with expansion:—

UNITS: The basic unit is the section (about twenty-five men) under a section commander.

Four sections form a platoon. Four platoons a company, and four companies a battalion. A battalion, therefore, is normally about 1,000 men.

RANKS: A section commander wears a sergeant's chevrons on the left arm, and his second in command and sub-section commanders wear corporal's and lance-corporal's chevrons.

Battalion, company and platoon commanders wear horizontal stripes of blue braid (three, two and one) on their shoulder straps.

COMMANDS:—To ensure that the L.D.V. organisation fits in with the existing military organisation, general officers commanding Army commands are made responsible for the command, organisation and training of all L.D.V.s in their area.

Boy, 18, Rescues 3 With His New Boat

Eighteen-year-old Bert Brown, of Robin Hood's Bay, Yorkshire, and two of his pals, went out in Bert's new boat and rescued three other boys who were marooned on a rock off the bay.

The sea had surrounded the boys when Bert heard of their plight. His father had just bought him a small boat, and here was a chance to give it its first sail.

Calling out his pals, Bishop Randall, aged eighteen, and Gordon Randall, aged fifteen, he launched his boat. The boys rowed out to the rock.

The sea was rough, and an attempt was made to land the boat at Robin Hood's Bay slipway, but dangerous rocks made this impossible.

Bert ordered his crew to row north of the village.

Above the boys towered a cliff 100ft. high, but villagers arrived with ropes and hauled them to safety.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

R.A.F. Raids Italian Bases In Abyssinia

Raids by the Royal Air Force on the Italian bases in Eritrea, Libya and Abyssinia are described in official communiques.

LONDON: German Formations Broken Up

Two German formations, consisting of bombers escorted by a large number of fighters, made attacks across the coast and in the area of the Thames Estuary this morning. Neither force penetrated to London.

Some bombs were dropped in Thames-side towns. Damage was caused to houses and buildings but the number of casualties was small.

Early this afternoon, an enemy attack was made in the Southampton area. Some buildings were damaged and a number of casualties were caused.

During the afternoon, enemy aircraft were not on a large scale but in attacks by single aircraft bombs were dropped in a number of districts including Brighton.

Damage was caused to houses, business premises and a number of casualties were reported.

Eight enemy aircraft were destroyed to-day. Four of our fighters have been lost but the pilot of one is safe.

It is now established that two enemy bombers were shot down by anti-aircraft guns during the night of Monday-Tuesday.

R.A.F.: More Raids On Italian Bases

Our bombers attacked aircraft on the Mediterranean ground on Sunday. All bombs fell on the target area.

Yesterday a second attack was delivered. Three explosions among the aircraft were followed by Tobruk last night. Yesterday in the first bombs burst among the buildings and near the jetty. In the second attack, bombs fell on buildings and very near ships beside the jetty.

Zula in Eritrea was attacked on September 21. Fires were started in the centre of the camp and were visible 20 miles away.

Yesterday a successful attack was made on the aerodrome at Man Adaga. Two fighters were definitely destroyed.

The South African Air Force and the Italian Air Force, in central Abyssinia, on September 22.

CAIRO: Our Artillery Silences Enemy

No change has occurred in the situation in the western desert, according to a G.H.Q. communique.

The communique states: "During the evening of September 22, artillery silenced some enemy batteries."

"Messy Matruh was raided four times during the night of September 22-23. There were no casualties."

"There is nothing to report on other fronts."

CHANNEL: Attacks On Nazi Minesweepers

A formation of British bombers escorted by fighters attacked enemy mine-sweepers in the English Channel this afternoon.

Hits were obtained on two vessels and another was damaged by bombs which burst close to it.

During this operation, an attack was made by enemy fighters in which one of our bombers was shot down and one enemy destroyed.

BRITISH GUNS POUNDING

have dropped bombs at Punta Europa.

According to witnesses this was the heaviest raid yet made on Gibraltar and surpassed the intensity of the Italian attacks.

"United Press" and "Dome"

Fighting in progress at 4 p.m.

A later "United Press" message says that according to General de Gaulle's headquarters the operations at Dakar were still in progress at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, but that no details were available.

"Reuter" says that a despatch from Algiers to the German official news agency states that there is no confirmation of reports that French aircraft bombed Gibraltar.

Algiers reports that a reconnaissance plane was sighted over Gibraltar in the evening.

Urban Council Tribute To Police Chief

Mr. Perdue Welcomed

At the fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council yesterday, it was suggested by the Chairman, Mr. W. J. Currie, that a copy of the minutes be forwarded to the Hon. Mr. T. H. King with the Council's good wishes that he would long enjoy a happy retirement.

Mr. Currie said: "Before proceeding to the business of the day I should like, with your permission, to say a few words of farewell to a member of this Council who has just left us. I refer of course to Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police."

"The Commissioner of Police was one of the additional members appointed to the Urban Council when it was created at the end of 1935 to take the place of the old Sanitary Board. Mr. King has therefore been a member of the Urban Council since its formation on January 1, 1936."

"It is not for me to refer generally to Mr. King's services to the Colony during the 36 years he has been here, but I can speak of his services to this Council. The Commissioner of Police, as you all know, is a very busy man, but Mr. King rarely failed to find time to make time to attend the meetings of the Urban Council, and I am sure you have all noted, as I have on many occasions, the conscientious care and consideration which Mr. King always gave to any question, submitted for his opinion, relating to the well-being of the inhabitants of the Colony."

"I suggest therefore that an expression of our appreciation of his loyal co-operation in the work entrusted to this Council should be entered in the minutes of this meeting, and that the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of these minutes to Mr. King with our good wishes that he will long enjoy a happy retirement."

Mr. Currie welcomed Mr. C. G. Perdue, who is taking Mr. King's place.

Other Business

The report of the Committee appointed to consider the proposed changes in the Estimates of the Sanitary Department, the proposed Public Works Extraordinary for the Sanitary Department for 1941-42, and the correspondence relative to the proposed erection of nine maturing tanks for animal manure at Kennedy Town, was taken into consideration by the Council.

An application for a food factory licence for in Po Kong Village, Kowloon City, was refused.

HONGKONG ESTATES

Fatally wounded by an armed robber on May 3 last, Mr. Jean Dubois, former Manager of Sonnet Freres, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$38,000. Letters of administration to the estate have been granted to the widow, Mme. Helene Henrietta Dubois.

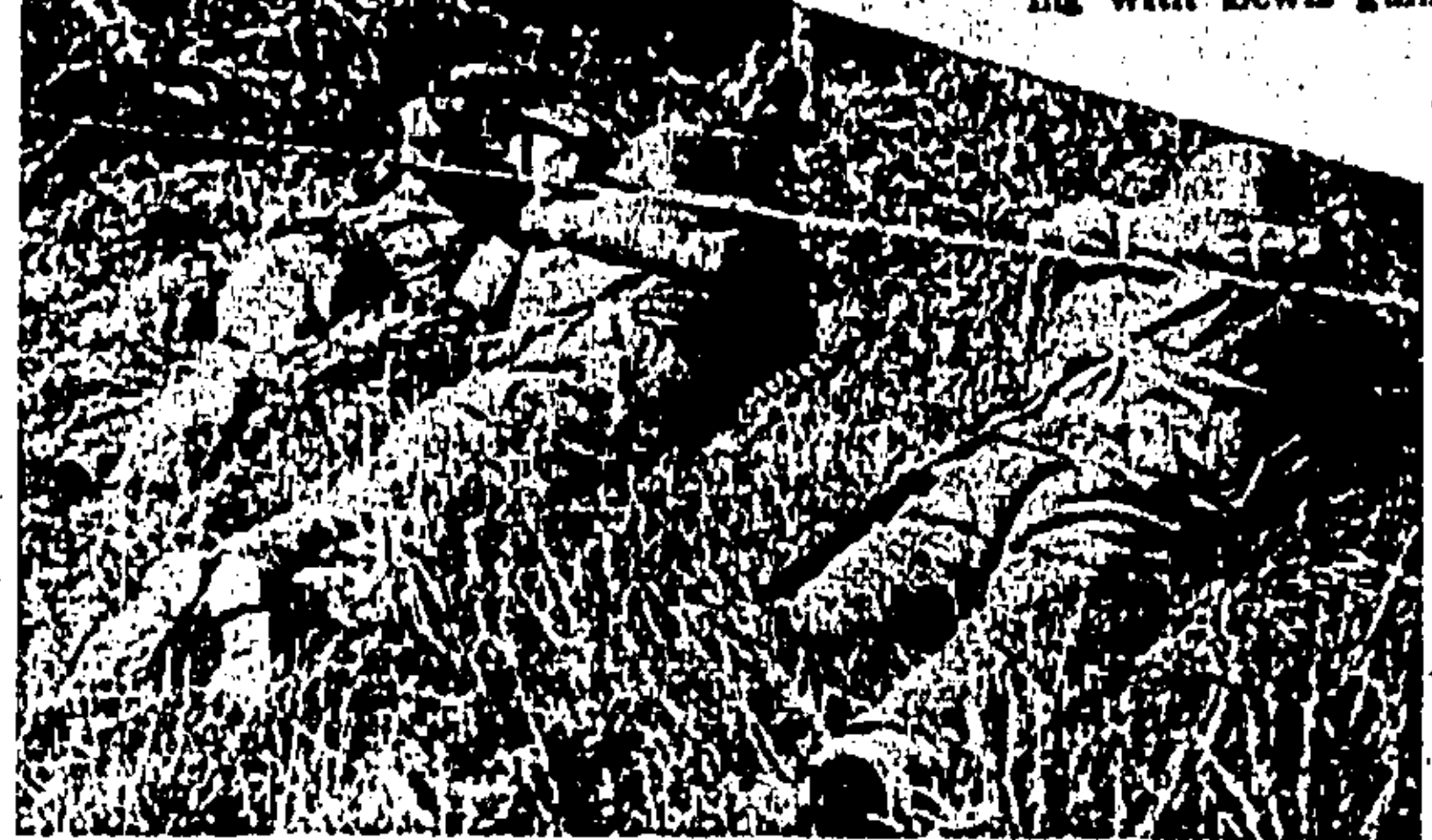
It will be recalled that Mr. Dubois met his death allegedly at the hands of one Li Hung-tul, alias Joseph Li, 20, when the latter attempted to rob the jewellery store. Li is now under sentence of death. He brought an appeal against the conviction, but this was dismissed, and it is understood he is appealing to the Privy Council.

Resident of England

The late Mr. Alfred Edward Wyburn Hodgins, formerly of the Aldens, Martley, near Worcester, who died at Bournemouth on February 9 last, left local estate worth \$30,200. An application by Mr. H. R. Forsyth to seal certified copy of probate of the will has been granted.

They Wait For The Invader

Jersey men who fled from their homes when the Germans occupied the Channel Islands will fly no longer. They have joined up in Britain, are here seen training with Lewis gun.



Queen Mary Loses Her Dearest Friend

MORE than sixty years ago Princess May of England was taken by her mother to stay with the Earl of Warwick at the historic home of the Greville family, Warwick Castle.

There she met and adopted as her lifelong friend the earl's only daughter, Lady Eva Greville, who was seven years older, and said to be very like her in appearance.

Together they enjoyed holidays on the Continent and regularly stayed at each other's homes. When Princess May married and became Duchess of York she appointed Lady Eva as her first lady-in-waiting.

World Trip

The Duchess of York became Princess of Wales and her lady-in-waiting married her quarry and became Lady Eva Dugdale.

Their two families grew up together. Lady Eva's eldest child, christened Victoria Mary after the Princess of Wales, became the firm friend of the present Princess Royal, who was exactly a year younger. Guy Dugdale, Lady Eva's younger son, became page to the royal household.

Lady Eva and her royal mistress travelled round the world and visited India together.

The Princess became Queen Mary of England and her lady-in-waiting and quarry were given a royal home, Royal Lodge, the present home of the King and Queen.

Lady Eva became seriously ill. Queen Mary, at Buckingham Palace, heard the news at midnight. She ordered her car and drove through the night to be at her friend's bedside.

Now Queen Mary is mourning the death of her oldest and dearest friend. Lady Eva having died at her home, Hale House, near Salisbury, Wilts.

Government Control Of Civil Building

Licences For New Structures

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Government decided to control civil building and a scheme of licensing will come into force on October 7. It is similar to that introduced in the middle of the last war.

The new plan will be operated by the Commissioners of Works and increasing officers have been appointed in each of the 12 regional areas.

It will forbid, with certain exceptions, any private building or construction operation which has not been authorised or licensed. Operations costing less than £500 will not require a licence.

Story Of "Reuters" Is Filmed

Screened Before U.S. Newspapers

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The first public exhibition of the film, "A Dispatch from Reuters" in which Edward G. Robinson plays the part of Baron Julius de Reuter has followed by its exhibition to a specially invited group of American editors, newspaper proprietors and leader-writers.

The film deals with the foundation and early years of the Reuters news agency, culminating with the occasion when Reuters' news of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln in 1865 reached England far in advance of the official reports.

Watch On Petrol Rations

Checking Abuses

A Government announcement on private motoring is expected in the near future. It is now being considered whether further petrol restrictions are required to check abuses.

It is improbable that existing basic rations will be reduced at present. In the view of many Ministers there is no objection of the reasonable use of cars for relaxation; but while the basic ration leaves little margin for pleasure outings, the authorities are considering more drastic action against those who obtain supplementary allowances in excess of legitimate requirements.

Should the petrol position become worse in the coming months sweeping curtailment of private motoring would at once be enforced.

CHUNGKING URGES BRITISH

FROM PAGE ONE

Foreign Minister has rejected the Chinese protest against the Decoux-Nishihara agreement for the landing of Japanese troops, and has notified Chungking that France cannot permit penetration of Chinese troops into Tonking.

"United Press" from Chungking says that political circles in the Chinese capital read M. Baudouin's comment on the Hanol pact with obvious contempt. They declare that M. Baudouin is deceiving himself when he says that the military concessions to Japan are temporary, exceptional in nature and in force only for the duration of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

"Will Resist Japanese"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24, (UP).—The French Ambassador, M. Gaston Henry Haye, said the French troops in Indo-China are determined to resist the Japanese troops regardless of the odds.

American Interest

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24, (Reuter).—The United States is closely watching the situation between Thailand and Indo-China, Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, declared to-day. The question of the United States licensing aeroplanes to be sent to Thailand may be investigated, he added.

BRITAIN'S POSITION

FROM PAGE ONE

by enemy action, is more than made up by captures, new construction and transfers from foreign flags.

The shipping position, however, assumes a different appearance from pre-war, since materials which formerly came from Europe must now be derived from more distant sources while ships ordinary routed via the Mediterranean now take a longer voyage by the Cape.

Moreover many ships are employed as armed merchant cruisers and others are bringing materials for the manufacture of munitions of so vast a scale as to make great inroads on the space available for normal cargoes.

The Minister emphasised, however, that sufficient shipping is available to meet all essential needs not only for imports but for exports.

In a subsequent broadcast, Mr. Cross appeals to the public to economise in the purchase of non-essentials and mentioned that British imports now amount to between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 tons a month compared to 6,000,000 in peace time.

TERRIFIC RAIDS ON BERLIN

FROM PAGE ONE

and wrecked parts of the Neuklin gas works.

Another large gas works at Charlottenburg was quickly gutted by fire. Railway yards at Charlottenburg and elsewhere were seen to be hit.

B.M.W. aero-engine works at Spinnau were bombed as well as the Tempelhof aerodrome.

The Siemens works received a direct hit.

One pilot who attacked a large gas works in the north-east area of Berlin reported on his return that it was plain sailing all the way there and back—a journey of some 1,200 miles.

The following aircraft, however, met strong opposition and the pilots described how "things started to hum just as we got near Berlin."

Volunteer Rinks

The following will represent the A.S.C. Coy, H.K.V.D.C., in a bowls game against the Bowlers at the Kowloon B.G.C. at 4 p.m. to-day: L/Cpl. Gow, Capt. Filippance, Sgt. Hyde, Sgt. Meyer (skip), Capt. Davies, L/Cpl. Pearce, L/Cpl. Tuck, Pte. Rowell (skip), Pte. Leonard, Sgt. Hillier, Cpl. Kern, Pte. Kern (skip).

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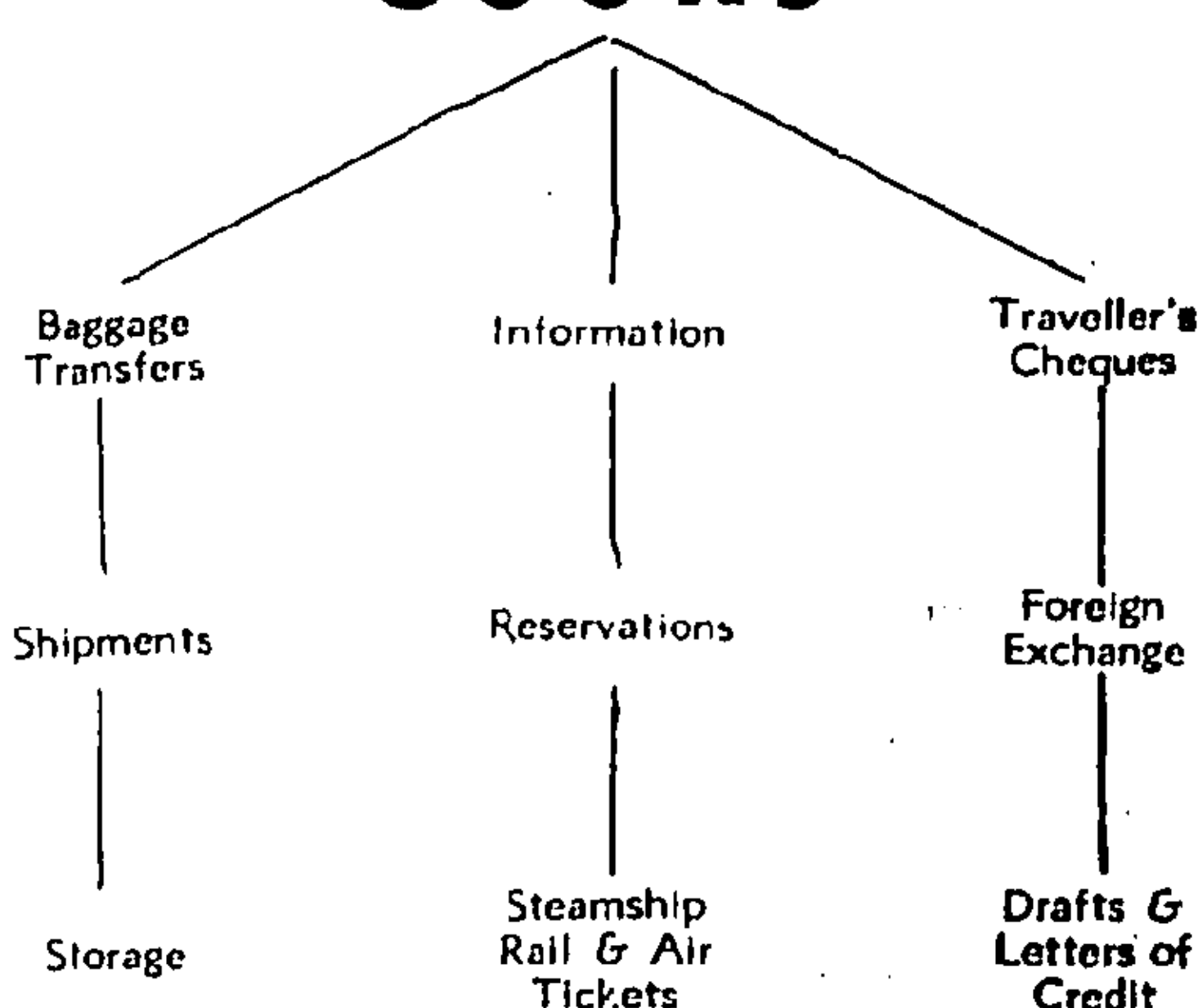
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Private Went On With One Arm

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As his Bren-gun carrier moved up a road at Wytschacte, in Flanders, Pte. F. Williams, of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, threw grenades among the enemy lying in a ditch.

When the carrier was hit by a shell and one of his arms was blown off he urged the driver not to stop, and carried on with one arm.

It was announced that he had been awarded the Military Medal for "initiative, devotion to duty and courage of very high order."

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Around The Courses

LOCAL CONDITIONS REVERT TO NORMAL

Kowloon G.C. Fairways In Fine Trim: Merits Of Various Holes

(By "Birdie")

AT LONG LAST courses are nearing normal. Water has either evaporated or drained away, and, generally speaking, the ground is none too worse for it. The fairways at Kowloon are in exceptionally fine condition, and, except for the 1st where one is as often as not likely to find the ball plugged, it is really a pleasure to play on them. With reasonable accuracy, one can be sure to find the ball sitting on a bit of "pretty".

Drainage and grass-cutting has worked wonders at the Country Club, Sheungshui, while latest news from the Shek-O Country Club is that the new 18th hole has been opened, and Par for the course has been reduced from 70 to 64.

I went around the newly extended course at Kowloon on Saturday for the first time, and had a very enjoyable afternoon. From hearsay, last week, I mentioned that the Par 34 was a difficult one, and I can now verify the truth of that statement, for the long 3rd, the short 4th, the blind 6th and 7th will ever see to that.

The other holes are as straightforward as the beautifully crooked round of any golf course designer would permit. There was one incident that day that was as refreshing as it was unique.

We were approaching the 9th green, when, from behind us, in a voice that Mary would have envied in her poor efforts to call the cove home across the sands of the sea, there came a stentorian yell.

One of my opponents, who was shaping for a chip, shied like a startled horse, thinking he was about to play some one else's ball. But it was only a member of another club calling his caddy!

CLUBHOUSE chatter drifted around to the merits of various holes. A Kowloon member gave the palm to the short 4th, which is about 200 yards long.

It is either a No. 2 iron or a spoon shot.

The green nestles snugly within encircling bunkers, and from the tee to the edge of the bunkers is a stretch of rough and long grass.

On the first time round I was lucky enough to get out of the grass and on to the green in 2, but on the second occasion I became weary of doing the work of a lawn mower and picked up.

Full marks to this and the blind 6th and 7th.

The 6th and 7th at Sheungshui are the nearest out there in similarity to these. The 6th is a Par 4, if you stick to the fairway, but the ambitious usually try over the hill that makes a dog-leg, and as usually go down in 6 or 7. The 7th is very much alike to Kowloon's 4th.

The new 10th at Shek-O, though not yet tried out, offers the most serious problem to golfers there. It is 200 yards, and over a hill, and to be either short or long means playing out of boggy ground.

Finals And Finalists For Events To-day

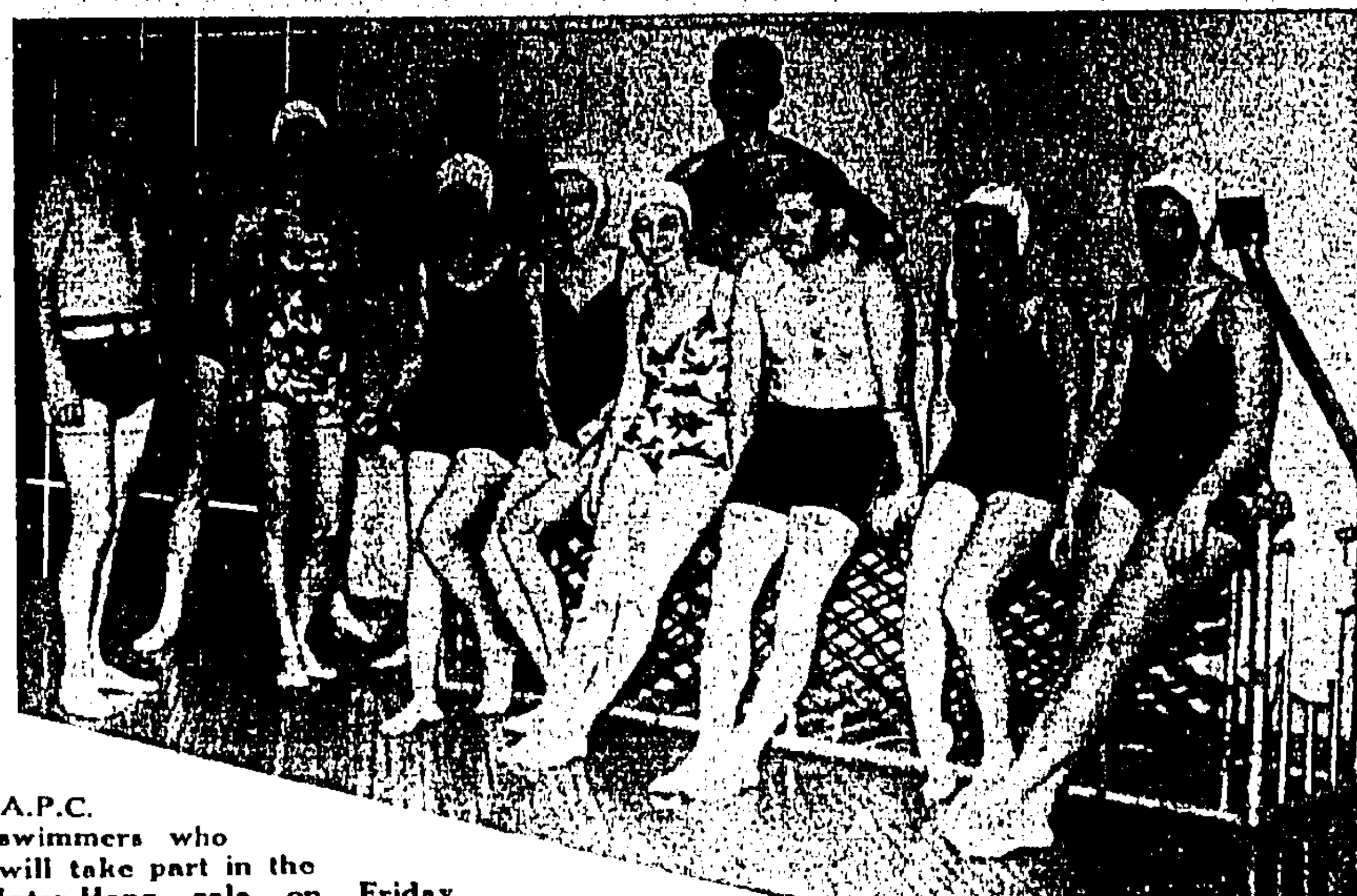
THE FOLLOWING are the finalists for the final events of Colony swimming championships at the V.R.C. this evening, commencing at 6.15 p.m.

Men's 220 yds. Free-style: Ng Nin, Charles, Huang, Chin, Chan, Lam, Ma, Wai-ming and Yau. Women's 50 yds. Free-style: I. Lopes, V. Chan, Ko, Mui-lung, Ho, Wai-king and J. Anderson. Women's 100 yds. Back-stroke: Lee Cheuk-wah, I. Lopes, Sin Wai-ying, D. Wen and Tsang Fung-kwan. Men's 100 yds. Breast-stroke: Kung Sun-shik, Ng Nin, Ho Poon-kan, Lau, M. Remedios and Pong Chong-yin. Women's 200 yds. Free-style Relay: Chung Sing, Benevolent Society, V.R.C. "A" and V.R.C. "B".

Holes like these, however, make golf a great game—if it isn't taken too seriously.

THE championships of Shek-O Country Club will be played over the new 18-hole course on October 6. Seniors and juniors will play together with the new Par in force. Handicaps have remained the same as those for Fanning.

The Championship of the Colony, too, will be held towards the end of next month. The limit of handicaps has been raised from 10 to 12, and already those eligible are practicing hard. The weather is finally turning more favourable for golf. It is yet just a little too hot around noon, but provided one starts early enough in the morning and at a reasonable hour in the afternoon, it is quite pleasant.



A.P.C. swimmers who will take part in the Inter-Hong gala on Friday practicing at the European Y.M.C.A. pool. Reading left to right: N. S. Spence, P. K. M. Patten, Miss F. Gomez, L. de C. Blechynden, Mrs. L. Shaw (C.L.&P.), Miss P. Hamblin, Mrs. M. Sterling, J. L. Hiley, G. Thomerson, Miss N. Quinn and Miss S. Baskett.—Ming Yuen.



U. M. OMAR... who broke his "jinx" of years in beating J. McKelvie yesterday.—Staff Photographer.

U. M. Omar Breaks His Jinx

Triumph Over McKelvie 21-14 At Recreio

(By "Tinker")

IN DEFEATING J. McKelvie 21-14 in the Second Round of the Open Singles lawn bowls championship at the Club de Recreio yesterday, U. M. Omar also defeated the "jinx" that has dogged him on each of the other occasions on which he has won the title.

Champion in 1931, he was eliminated in the first round of the 1932 competition, winner in 1937, he was eliminated in the first round of the 1938 tournament, and winner last year he anticipated that his luck would continue and that he would suffer defeat in his first match yesterday. He received a bye in the first round.

And it was well on the cards too, for McKelvie, over the first 15 heads was playing excellent bowls. At the 11th he was leading 11-6, but with a succession of singles, however, Omar crept up to 10-11 on the 15th.

The pavilion end of the ground was bad, especially for a full head. The jack rested in the spot where the mat would lie, and on the 16th head both men found the dip and alternately lay the shot when their woods turned over at right angles to the line of flight.

Over the last heads, however, Omar was on and around the jack for almost every head. McKelvie on isolated occasions came through with last woods that only just failed. The 21st head saw one of these occasions. Omar lay 3, and McKelvie's last wood took out one shot and then rolled over the wrong way to leave 2, otherwise the shot would have been McKelvie's.

A. E. COATES ELIMINATED

M. R. ABBAS repeated his performance of last year's and eliminated A. E. Coates 22-10 yesterday at the Civil Service C.C. Coates was not playing too well, and when Abbas drew for two 4's on the 9th and 10th ends, Coates was unable to draw near enough to disturb the position.

The victory was not a surprise, but the margin of 12 shots was.

CLOSE MATCH

ONE of the closest matches was at the K.C.C. where C.C. Pereira beat Y. Abbas 21-18 on the 24th head. On the 22nd end the scores were tied 19-18, and despite Pereira's single on the 23rd the match was only lost when Abbas lost touch over the 24th and gave away a 3.

Scores yesterday were:

RESULTS

Club de Recreio.
U. M. Omar beat J. McKelvie 21-14 on 24th head.
Civil Service C.C.
M. R. Abbas beat A. E. Coates 22-10 on 17th head.
W. Gill beat E. G. Post 21-15 on 22nd head.
Kowloon F.C.
F. X. M. Silva beat B. Basto 21-8 on 18th head.
Kowloon B.G.C.
W. J. Howard beat C. H. Basto 21-10 on 17th head.
Kowloon C.C.
C. C. Pereira beat Y. Abbas 21-18 on 24th head.
S. Landolt beat C. Downman 21-11 on 21st head.
Craigshaw C.C.
M. N. Rakusen beat F. P. Anslow 21-11 on 18th head.
A. R. Minu beat J. J. Basto 21-5 on 14th head.



J. MCKELVIE... at one time appeared the likely winner.—Staff Photographer.

Major Baseball

CLEVELAND BEATEN BY ST. LOUIS

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (UP).—Cleveland Indians dropped in the American League to-day when they were beaten by the St. Louis Browns, and Detroit Tigers, who were idle, are now further ahead in the race for the pennant.

Scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

St. Louis 7 14 3
Battery: Auker, Swift.
Cleveland 3 8 0
Battery: Harder, Eisenstat, Allen, Pytkak, Hemaley.
Washington 4 7 0
Battery: Kraskunas, Haynes, Carrasquel, Early.
New York 9 8 0
Battery: Chandler, Murphy, Roar, Dickey.
(Called in the 7th owing to darkness).
Boston 4 9 2
Battery: Wilson, Desautels.
Philadelphia 3 0 0
Battery: Beckman, Hayes.

League Table

Detroit 87 204
Cleveland 80 64 573

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York 8 9 2
Battery: Lohman, Molton, Dean, Odes.
Brooklyn 7 7 2
Battery: Wyatt, Casey, Franks.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Eighth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 5th and Thursday, 10th October, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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VOLUNTEER AQUATIC MEET ON OCT. 12

In New Army Pool

AT A MEETING yesterday it was decided to revive the annual Volunteer swimming meet, which will be held in the Army swimming pool, Victoria Barracks, on October 12 at 9.30 p.m.

Those present were Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell (Chairman), Capt. H. A. de B. Botelho (No. 3 Coy.), Lt. A. M. Rodrigues (Field Ambulance), Sgt. B. Bailey (Engineer Coy.), Lt. Col. Wingless (No. 3 Coy.), Pte. R. Goldsman (No. 1 Coy.), Lt. Sgt. A. J. Hussain (3rd Battery), Bdr. E. W. Rallion (5th Battery), Lt. A. Soares (No. 6 Coy.).

No prizes will be awarded to individuals, but the Corps Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the team with the most number of points.

The teams are—Corps Artillery (including 5th Battery); Machine Gun Companies; Portuguese Companies; Mobile Machine Guns; Small Units (to include Engineer Coy., Field Ambulance, Signal Coy., A.S.C. and Pay Section).

PROGRAMME

The programme will comprise the following events:

Six-men 220 yards relay; three men 100 yards medley relay; Diving (running plain dive and running jack-knife off low board); running plain dive; running jack-knife and optional dive off high board; four-men 265 1/2 yards relay; Officers v. Sergeants 133 1/2 yards relay; Invitation relay open to Army teams (teams of six, 33 1/2 yards each); Nursing Detachment Championship, 168 1/2 yards; Water-polo, Volunteers v. Army.

The butterfly breast-stroke will be barred.

The Committee decided on 1,000 tickets at \$1 each.

The water-polo sub-committee will comprise R. Goldman, H. Wingless and L. A. Soares.

Points will be awarded on a 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis.

Pony Classifications

The following are the latest alterations and additions to Race Pony Classification lists dated May 28, 1940:

Australian ponies.—Victory to A. Class; Income Tax to B. Class; A Green Time to C. Class; China pointer.—Resisting Time to D. Class.



NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1-Paper to music
- 2-Strip of leather
- 3-Morse code
- 4-Whimsical voice
- 5-Old woman
- 6-Boring basket
- 7-Modern dictionary
- 8-Disturbance
- 9-Devil
- 10-Contribution
- 11-Sharp pain
- 12-Projections in back of head
- 13-Moisture from eye
- 14-Get away
- 15-Convulsed
- 16-Performances
- 17-Heaviness
- 18-Jumping sound
- 19-Jumped head
- 20-Recall chart of
- 21-Worthless remnant
- 22-Ignited
- 23-Frained
- 24-Prism-shaped body
- 25-Before
- 26-Mountain lion
- 27-Mexican peasant
- 28-Begins
- 29-Ship of Argonne
- 30-Atlantic wild dog
- 31-Weary
- 32-Combining form: hand
- 33-Certainly good

DOWN

- 1-Indian weapon
- 2-Decorative
- 3-Groups of three performers
- 4-Prussian field-marshal
- 5-Interact
- 6-Plum of Mahomet
- 7-English school
- 8-Breaching organ
- 9-Military assistant
- 10-Dumplings
- 11-Burge of water
- 12-Come to point
- 13-Poach in cream
- 14-French general elected King of Poland
- 15-Was rumored of
- 16-Bird's claw
- 17-Make happy
- 18-Irritation by fear
- 19-Rhinestone
- 20-Judgment day
- 21-Turned pain downward
- 22-Photography
- 23-Papa count in
- 24-Tinny caliche
- 25-Choice
- 26-Hawaiian rifle
- 27-Idolical
- 28-Trouble
- 29-Indisputable
- 30-Artistic wind
- 31-Monarch of strength
- 32-Person
- 33-American coin
- 34-Coin

TINPLATE SHAREHOLDERS CHALLENGE DIRECTORS BOOS AND CHEERS AT STEEL CO. MEETING

CRIES OF "ROT" AND "SACK THE LOT" AND A PROTEST FROM SIR WILLIAM FIRTH, THE FORMER CHAIRMAN, INTERRUPTED THE EARL OF DUDLEY WHEN HE PRESIDED OVER THE ANNUAL MEETING IN LONDON OF RICHARD THOMAS AND CO., THE £20,000,000 STEEL AND TINPLATE COMBINE.

Sir William was removed from his office in April by the Control Committee, of which Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, was chairman, as the outcome of what was then called "irreconcilable difference within the Board."

Uproar began when Lord Dudley said in a time of national emergency it would be inadvisable to enlarge publicly on the nature of the differences.

"Shouts of 'No,' 'I protest,' and 'We want to hear the facts,' greeted this statement.

Lord Dudley said no other course than the one pursued was possible in the best interests of the company.

"Give Us The Facts"

At this Sir William Firth leapt to his feet, and said: "I really protest here and now. You should give the facts."

Sir William was greeted with prolonged applause when he was permitted to read a long statement.

Several times he was interrupted by Lord Dudley.

Amid cries of "We want to hear Sir William Firth," Sir William was allowed to proceed, and after one altercation with the chairman, exchanged a smile and a handshake with him.

"I feel," said Sir William, "like a captain who has lost his ship and is here to report to the owners how it happened. About two years ago, in very dirty weather, some pirates pushed us on the rocks and boarded us, disguised as 'national interests' men."

"In these anxious times it is prudent to build reserves and to build a dividend, but I think it is going altogether too far when a company earns, as this company has earned, £3,170,000 to withhold the whole of the earnings."

"The method of obtaining possession by the appointment of a control committee is as unjust as it is un-English."

Cheers lasting several minutes followed Sir William's speech.

Women's Protest

Mrs. Melville, of Stratford-on-Avon, a shareholder, addressing Lord Dudley, declared: "The man we are sitting in your place is Sir William Firth, and Mrs. H. F. Firth, of Swansea, complained of the 'Hitlerian methods' in which she contended, the business of Sir William's removal had been carried out."

When Lord Dudley and Mr. J. E. James, the deputy chairman, admitted they were not shareholders of the company, Mr. B. Russell, a shareholder, exclaimed: "Good heavens, is this a madhouse?"

Mr. Russell then named two other directors who, he alleged, held no shares. His allegation was greeted with cries of "Sack the lot."

Lord Dudley complained that Sir William Firth had made "completely untrue allegations" about the board.

"That is calling me a liar," retorted Sir William. "You can't do that."

A shareholder's amendment to adjourn the meeting for a month was declared carried by show of hands. Lord Dudley then demanded a poll.

Replying to a shareholder he said he was going to make use of the board's preferential voting power.

The shareholder: Then the result is a foregone conclusion.

Lord Dudley: I am strictly within my legal rights.

Sir William Firth: Do you intend to outvote every resolution which is contrary to your wish?—Yes, Sir.

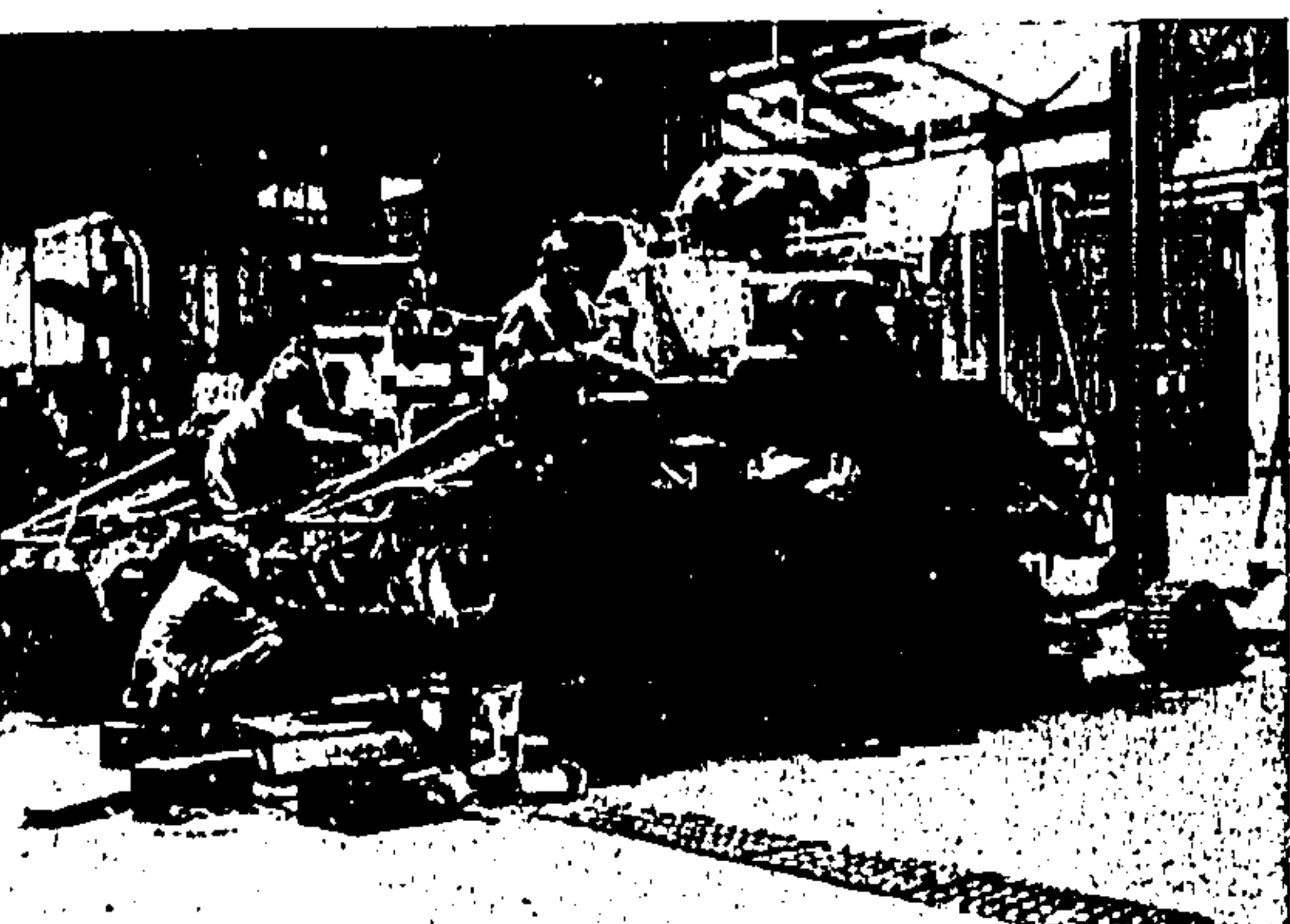
Shareholders then gathered round Sir William Firth and held an informal meeting. There were calls of "Three cheers for Sir William Firth," and "Three boos for the chairman."

RESIDENT RETURNING MR. T. B. WILSON ON WAY BACK FROM HOLIDAY

Mr. T. B. Wilson, Hongkong agent of the American President Lines, will be in Manila until the departure of the President Cleveland on September 30, reports the Manila Bulletin.

Mr. Wilson arrived there last Friday aboard the City of Newport News from a holiday in the United States. He is well known in Manila, having been connected with the old Dollar Line, states the paper.

Britain's Tank Army Is Growing Fast



The Northern Command R.A.O.C. Motor Transport Workshops are averaging eighteen hours a day, overhauling and repairing motor transport of all descriptions. They are here photographed at work re-erecting a light tank.

"Belgium Will Never Surrender To Germany"

"BELGIUM has concluded no Armistice with the enemy, she has signed no separate peace—in fact the struggle continues."

The Belgian Ambassador, Baron Cartier de Marchienne, said this when he broadcast from B.B.C. stations in English, French and Flemish, in celebration of Belgium's National Festival.

"Our thoughts go out to our brothers and sisters who are under the yoke of the invader, to those who have fallen on the battlefield, and to our King, who is a prisoner of war and thus shares the fate of his Army and his people in Belgium," said the Baron.

"In our long history we have sustained many a hard blow, many a reverse, but, thanks to our will to live free and independent, in the end we were always victorious; and so it will be again this time."

"In these hours of stress, we Belgians are proud to be in your midst. We are determined to contribute to the fullest extent of our possibilities towards the achievement of our common task and thus to secure the restoration of the freedom and independence of our beloved country."

Whitehall was crowded with refugees when 350 wounded Belgian soldiers and ex-Servicemen celebrated the day by honouring Britons who fell in the last war.

They met in Parliament-square and arrived at the Cenotaph headed by Belgian military police in their picturesque blue uniforms with red and silver facings.

Afterwards a service was held at the Church of Notre Dame de Hal, Camden Town, N.

CRUISER "SUNK BY CHEEK"

Says Italian Officer

THIS new account of the sinking of the Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni by H.M.A.S. Sydney was given by an Italian officer, now a war prisoner in Egypt:

"We expected to win, of course. There were two Italian cruisers against one Australian cruiser with a small force of destroyers."

"Our ships, too, were technically superior. They were not only faster, but their guns had longer range."

"We were very happy about it."

"No Respect"

"But the devilish cheek of those Australians! They showed no respect for our longer range."

"They rushed into the fight, and treated our fire with contempt."

"For ten minutes we shelled them, and they did not answer."

"Then they let fly."

"Alas! Almost the first shells finished the Bartolomeo Colleoni."

"She was struck in a vital spot. She began to sink quickly."

"The battle was over. Our beautiful victory was gone."

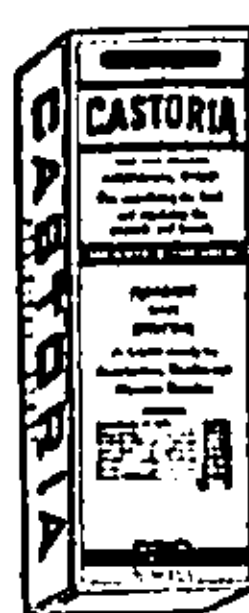
JOB IS WAR-MADE 88-YEAR-OLD MAN HAS BECOME A "ROAD PILOT"

Because country roads are unimproved nowadays, Mr. A. F. Minns, aged eighty-eight, a haulage contractor of Chertsey, Surrey, has left his retirement to act as "pilot" to the drivers of his lorries on Government work.

He knows the roads and highways and byways of England—from Blackpool to Bristol, to Glasgow and Worcester, and Birmingham, and back again, inside out. He works a full week, often fifteen hours a day.



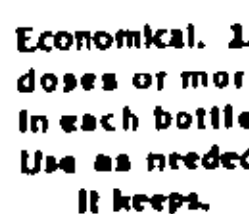
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MEET the Man Who Nearly Killed Hitler—Sergeant Tandy, V.C., now a Commissionaire at a Coventry motor works.

When Mr. Chamberlain visited Hitler in his nest at Berchtesgarden, the Fuehrer showed him a painting by Fortunino Matania of a 1918 battle scene at Menin cross-roads.

CHOLERA STATISTICS

Many Fatal Cases in Present Epidemic

Latest Cholera statistics supplied by the Medical authorities show that 703 cases had occurred in the Colony up to yesterday, of which five have been imported from Malaya. A total of 499, or about 63 per cent, have died.

Two hundred and twenty-two cases are under treatment in the Kennedy Town Infectious Diseases Hospital and the Laichikok Cholera Hospital.

The distribution of the cases may be of interest. Kowloon City leads with 400, with 192 cases from Kowloon proper, some of which are undoubtedly imported to Kowloon City.

Figures for other districts are: New Territories 12, Sanpin and Junks in the Harbour 6, Western district of Hongkong 39, Eastern district 29, Central district 13, Shamshui 9, and Aberdeen 1.

Small Decrease Shown

Nine cases of Cholera (two from Victoria and seven from Kowloon), four cases of Typhoid (one imported, one each of Measles and Meningitis), four of Dysentery, and 42 of Tuberculosis were reported up to midnight on Monday.

The weekly return shows the following notifiable diseases: Cholera 198 cases with 225 deaths (two imported); two cases of Diphtheria with one death; 40 of Typhoid with six deaths (one imported); four of Measles; two of Meningitis with one death; 35 of Dysentery with one death; and 206 of Tuberculosis with 114 deaths (three imported).

STOCK MARKET REPORT

14-month Stock Exchange Official summary issued yesterday says: The market today was quietly steady, with little or no change in price, and a small volume of business.

Buyers:
H.K. Free Press \$150, Humphreys \$7.15, Realities \$3.40, Trans \$15.85, Star Ferris \$59, Yaumati Ferris \$22, China Lights (old) \$7, China Lights (new) \$1, Electric (old) \$38.25, Electric (new) \$37.80, Telephones (new) \$9.80, Hopes \$5.50, Dairy Farms \$18.50, Watsons \$8.85, Entertainment \$6.00.

Sellers:
Realities \$3.55, Trans \$16, China Lights (old) \$7.15, Meaco Electric (old) \$12, Meaco Electric (new) \$16, Telephones (old) \$24.75.

Sales:
Providents \$4.55, Star Ferris \$50, China Lights (old) \$7.05, Telephones (old) \$24.50, Cements \$16.

LATE NEWS

British Submarine Feared Lost

LONDON, Sept. 24, (Reuters).—The Admiralty announced that H.M. submarine Thetis (Lieut. Commr. W. D. Dunkley, R.N.) is overdue and must be considered lost.

The next of kin have been informed.

Central figure of the painting was Sergeant Tandy.

"That was nearly the scene of my death," Hitler told Mr. Chamberlain. "That man in the centre came so near to killing me that I thought I would never see Germany again."

The painting records the action for which Tandy gained his V.C.

With his platoon, armed with two machine guns, he held up and later routed a large German contingent who had occupied a ridge a few hundred yards from the cross-roads.

Charged Machine Gun Nest

The Germans had sixteen machine guns—and, serving one of them was Corporal Adolf Hitler.

For four days Tandy had the sights of his gun trained on members of the German gun crews and one by one he polished them off.

Hitler said to Mr. Chamberlain: "Providence alone saved me from such devilishly accurate fire."

To get to the Germans a plank bridge had to be crossed, and most of the planks had been displaced. Under a hail of bullets, Tandy dashed forward, replaced the planks, and led his platoon charging across.

Many of his comrades fell, and Tandy, with eight of his company were surrounded. Instead of surrendering, he gave orders: "His bayonets—charge!"

The nine men slashed through the Germans and took 37 prisoners. The rest turned tail and ran—led by Corporal Hitler.

Sergeant Tandy is the only N.C.O. living with the right to wear the V.C., the D.C.M., the M.M. and the Mous Star.

But none of these decorations consoles him when he thinks how different the world might be today had he got his gun-sights on that German corporal who could run so well.

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The jump, announced the Ministry of Labour, was bigger than in any time since October, when the disturbance of the start of the war on prices was reflected.

Lord Catto For Bank Of England?

WHO will succeed Mr. Montagu Norman as Governor of the Bank of England?

Mr. Attlee's recent promise of banking control has drawn attention to the problem, which is now under discussion in responsible quarters.

Mr. Norman's resignation, though it is not to be expected immediately, cannot be long delayed.

He is in his 70th year, and has been Governor for more than 20 years.

"Grooming" Him

Lord Catto, recently appointed to the new job of Financial Adviser to the Treasury, is regarded in the City and elsewhere as the leading candidate.

His appointment to that post (formerly occupied in effect by Mr. Norman) is not unattractively taken to be the first step in "grooming" him as Mr. Norman's successor.

He is a partner in the firm of Morgan Grenfell, one of the most powerful and exclusive of the private banking houses. One of his colleagues there is Mr. Pierpont Morgan of New York.

Lord Catto is highly acceptable to City and Treasury opinion.

Outside these circles he does not have much support.

"Too Narrow"

His social and experience are felt to be too narrow for a job which carries with it great financial and political power.

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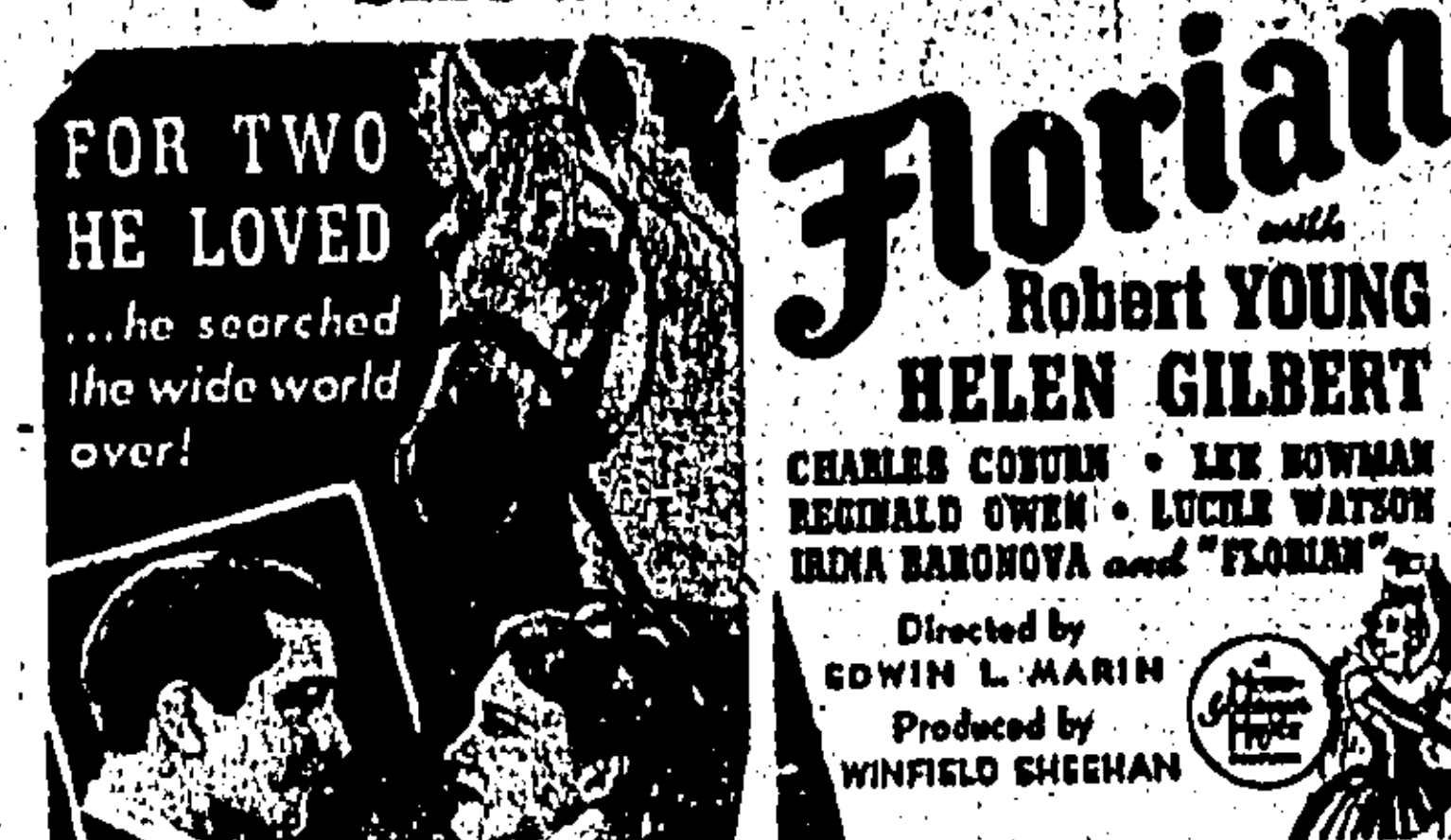
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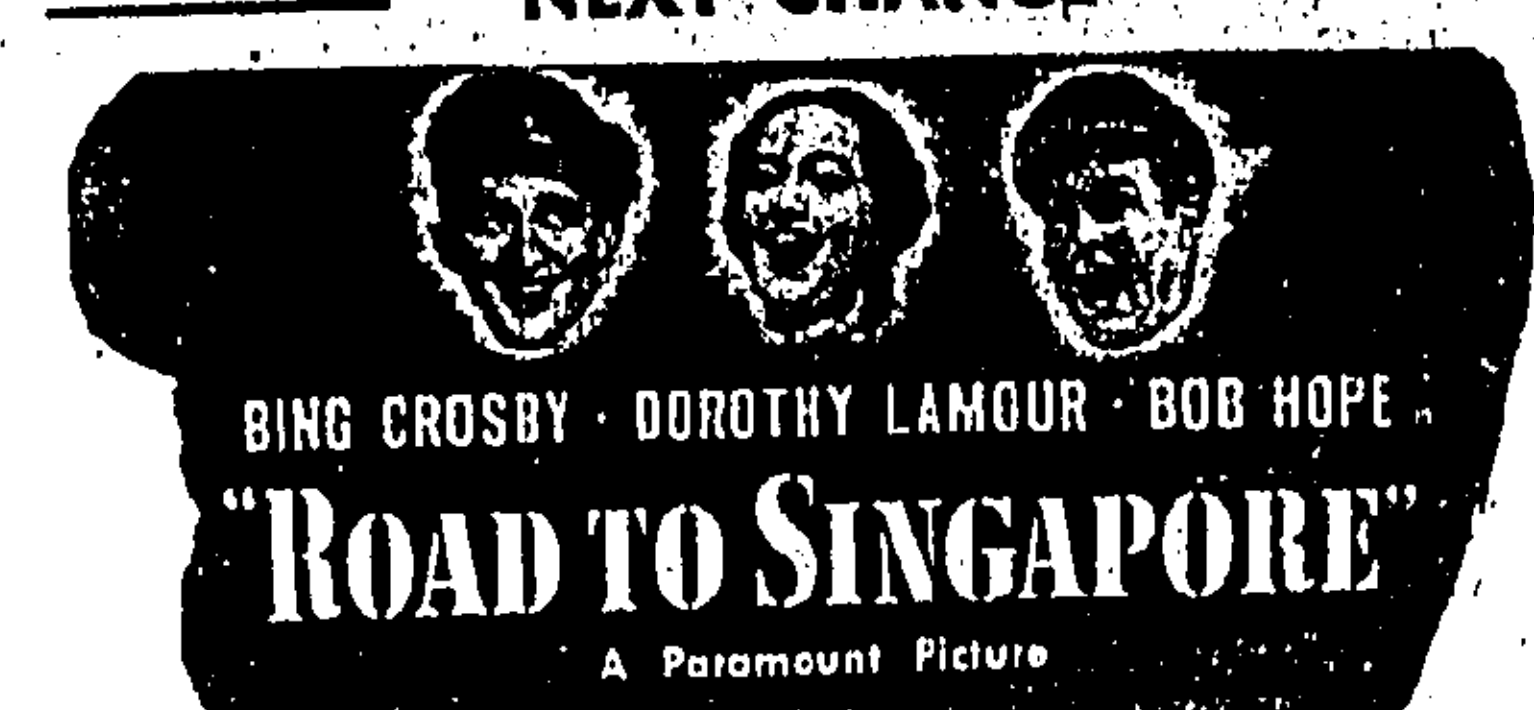
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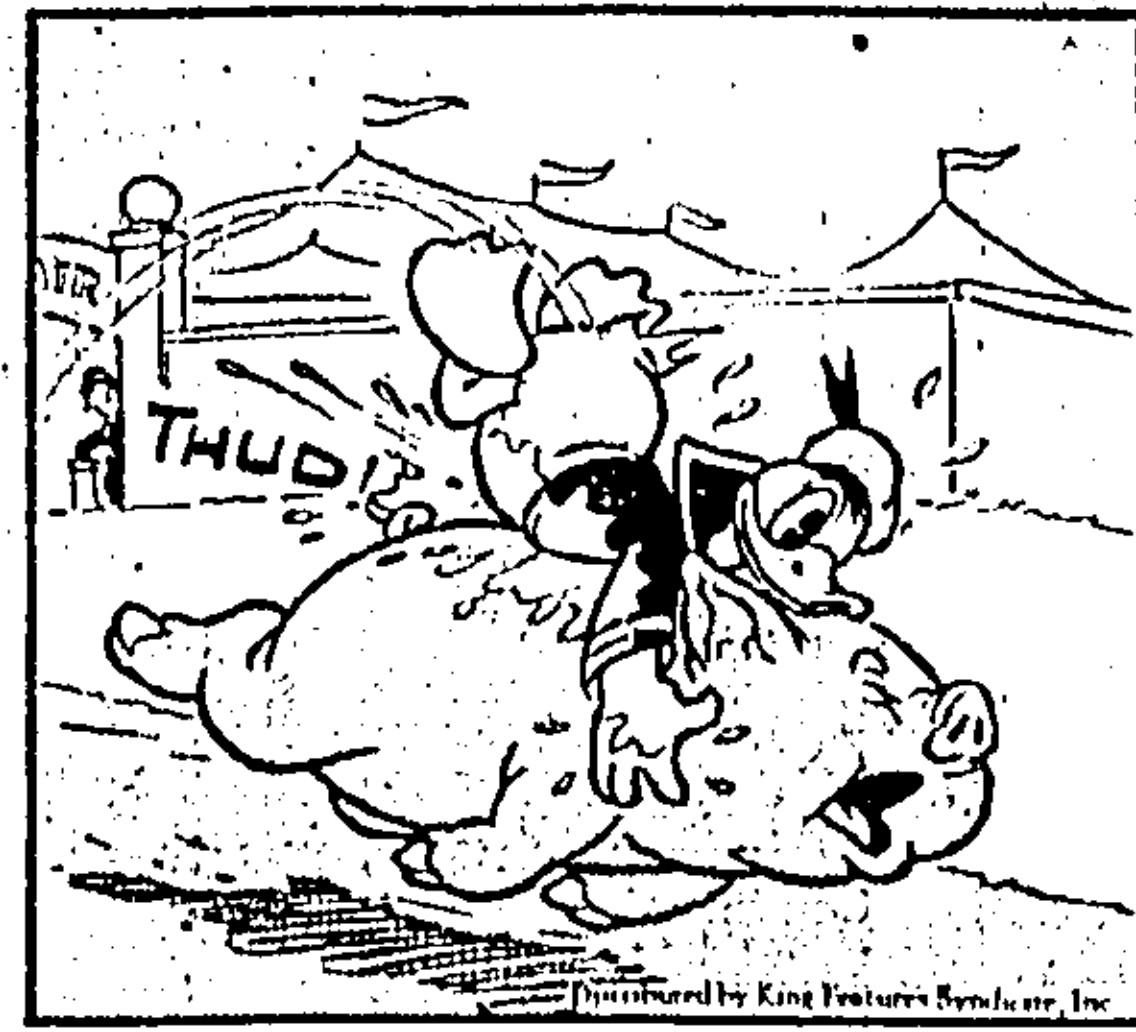
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CONSIDER THE TWO BLOCKADES

By F. Kingdon Ward
The Scientist And Explorer

JAPAN is blockading China in the East as Great Britain is blockading Europe in the West. That is a very significant fact.

It means that the Eurasian continent is shut off from the world on three sides, Europe being geographically no more than the north-western peninsula of Asia.

The Polar Sea keeps the fourth side closed for six or eight months in the year. Thus Great Britain and Japan are blockading half a hemisphere.

It will be interesting to compare Japan's blockade with Great Britain's, and see how far they resemble one another and wherein they differ, both as regards their incidence and their results.

The Japanese blockade stretches from Shanghai to Haiphong, where the Great Wall enters the sea, to Haiphong, a distance of 2,000 miles measured along the steamship route down the China coast; the British blockade reaches from the North Cape inside the Arctic Circle round the Atlantic coast of Europe and through the Mediterranean to Haifa, a distance of 5,000 miles. Thus both navies have a formidable length of coastline to watch.

Asia To Europe

Beyond that stark fact, there is no possible comparison; the task of the mightier British navy is incomparably more difficult.

It is not merely that the European coast is far more complicated and hazardous than the China coast, it is not that Dictator Europe has a navy of sorts, whereas China has none, and cannot build one because she has not a single seaport; but Japan has large armies operating on the China coast and mainland. There is no point where a ship could discharge cargo with the hope of reaching the Chinese armies in the interior.

There are a dozen overland routes from Asia into Europe over which Great Britain has no control—through Murmansk, or via the Trans-Siberian railway, or the Turk-Sib railway and the Caspian Sea, and others. But as soon as Japan had, by diplomatic pressure, stopped the passage of arms to China by the French railway from Haiphong, and similarly closed the Burma Road, she had almost completely cut off China's land communications with the outside world.

Although there are several overland routes into China from the south and west—one runs eastwards from Mandalay to Kengtung for example—on the Chinese side of the frontier they are too primitive to be of use because communications inside China have only of late years been developed beyond the horse-and-cart stage. One possible motor road remains open, that through Russian Central Asia into north-west China.

China's Resources

While Britain does not control the overland routes into Europe

from the East, she has a splendid ally in the great deserts and mountain ranges which stretch across the Continent, cutting off the tropical lands and preventing tropical produce from reaching Central Asia.

Moreover, British sea power makes itself felt as far east as Singapore, so that in effect there is at present only one overland route available to Europe, and that the longest of them all, the Trans-Siberian route to Vladivostok. That is the only route by which the vast resources of the tropics can reach Europe.

China needs munitions, machinery, motor transport, and jet fuel. Germany, too, needs petroleum; but after that her chief requirements are food (cereals), fodder, rubber, latex, vegetable oils and certain minerals such as nickel, tin, copper and ferro-alloys. Much of this China could supply.

Problem Of Oil

Oil is fully necessary to both blockaded countries. Europe, of course, imports the bulk of its oil by sea, and Germany is now reduced to a state in which it can get from Romania and Russia what it can manage to live on, but not what it needs.

China has no oil store, does not manufacture oil and cannot import it from overseas. But China has one advantage denied to Germany, oil is found in China itself, although the amount of present available resources is only a fraction of what is needed.

Just as Germany can get oil from Rumania, so can China get oil from Burma. Doubtless a profitable oil smuggling organisation will spring up; once over the frontier, oil can be carried by mule to the motor road.

If we compare the areas under blockade we find that Europe, excluding Russia, has an area of, in round numbers, 1,610,000 square miles, about half of which (803,459 square miles) is enemy territory. However, for blockade purposes, all Europe is under control.

China proper, comprising the 18 provinces, has an area of just under 4,300,000 square miles, of which about a quarter is uneasily occupied by Japan. While the blockade of this huge territory is as thorough as the blockade of Europe, its effects are less felt in proportion, as China is less delicately organised.

China, it is true, cannot build a ship or launch a ship. She is even more tied to the continent than is Nazi Germany, with infinitely inferior overland communications, internal and external. Nevertheless, it must not be forgotten that the land frontier open in her rear is three times as long as the European land frontier open to Germany.

Closed Burma Road

The immediate situation for China is critical. The closing of the Burma Road marks the last move in the total blockade by Japan. Though it is now the close season for dirt roads within the monsoon belt, there is a real danger that it has been closed for the duration. The moral effect is bound to react unfavourably on up-keep, so that by the end of the rains, in November, a deterioration will have set in.

Neither China, nor Japan shows the least inclination to make peace; and it will be an awkward moment when Britain is asked to reopen the road. On the other hand,

if the situation in Europe has improved that will ease the tension in the Far East.

There has always been a possibility of China looking elsewhere even to Russia for that help which Britain is at the moment unable to give her.

The only other possibility was the United States, who has been supplying Japan with nearly three-quarters of her war materials, on a cash-and-carry basis. From the moment that Britain closed the Panama Canal a new situation was created, with Germany's claimant for the place of the United States.

Consider the position. A steel ring of ships is blockading the Continent from Narvik to Vladivostok. In the face of this pressure, an internal resistance has been set up. Asia is hollow, and nature abhors a vacuum.

Already China is looking westwards towards the Urals. Somewhere towards Central Asia they are reaching out to one another, from stern motives of self-preservation, however little they approve of one another mutually. And there, sprawling across the northern horizon from sea to sea, the great bulk of Russia, the line between Europe and the Orient.

Precious As Exports

For success of the British blockade turns chiefly on the stoppage of oil of certain ores and of all tropical raw materials reaching Europe. Much of this last is given in unimproved China, where a great variety of economic products such as soy, beans, groundnuts, tung oil and many fibres such as cotton, silk, and rubber are long been cultivated, 60 per cent of the world's supply comes from China and under Germany she produces tin, oil, diamonds and other ores. No amount of blockade can deny her these.

Industrial China, including the coal and iron districts of the north, and the great factory centres of Shanghai, Canton and Hankow, is an enemy land.

This includes practically the entire network of railways and the northern rice plain between the Yangtze and Yellow rivers. Still more significant is the fact that Indonesia could supply these raw materials of which Germany is most in need, namely rice, coconut, cotton, rubber, tung, tin, wolfram. These also might reach Germany overland via China and Russia.

A working alliance between Germany and China as a result of the Continental blockade is logical but difficult to achieve, especially because of the great distances to be covered, in regions scantily populated; politically because Russia is the linchpin of any mutual assistance pact.

Russian and Chinese interests conflict in Central Asia, Russian and German interests in south-east Europe. In any event the strengthening of the trans-Continental routes will take time, perhaps a generation, and the need is pressing. That is why Hitler has been urging his claims in tropical Africa, which is much nearer and might be expected to supply him until Asia is ready.

China And The Axis

The final outcome of the blockade must be speed-up in every way trans-Continental communications by land and air, and to drive agriculturally rich China into the arms of industrially organised Europe, with Russia as liaison.

This is what is happening in Asia now. China is being drawn as by a magnet towards the Axis. Nor would this paradoxical result make for improved relations between London and Tokyo. Taking the short view, Great Britain, with her hands full in the west, had to close the Burma Road, or suffer certain obvious consequences. Taking the long view, it was a profound mistake, for little worth; nor is it too late to make amends to a valiant country fighting for freedom.

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



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Dover is Mastering the Enemy's Tricks

By L. D. HUNTER

TO those of us who knew the Straits of Dover during the last period of disagreement with Germany the first months of this war presented a strange contrast.

From the early days of the 1914-18 campaign we had been confronted with a German penetration to the coast, with Newport-Bains, some 20 miles N.E. of the sorely-tried town of Dunkirk as the high-water mark of the enemy's advance. Dover sea forces were thus early reconciled to the permanent presence of the enemy within a few miles of their gates, and took action accordingly.

Almost daily contact with shore batteries and surface ships was the order of those days, in addition to the operations necessary for the blocking of the Straits against enemy submarines. Although the air menace in all its modern aspects confronted Dover from the beginning of the present war, this last duty—prevention of submarine activity—was the principal pre-occupation of the Command there during the winter of 1939 and the spring of 1940.

News of surface craft likely to menace the Dover area only began to come through during the weeks preceding the invasion of Holland and Belgium.

Indeed, if reports are to be believed, even to-day the surface forces of the enemy are for the most part conspicuous by their absence even since the Continental shores of the Channel were laid open to them, and would seem to have been principally used for the hit-and-run operations of motor torpedo-boats.

Not that such activities are in any way to be despised, nor are they easy to counteract. But we have heard of none of the spectacular destroyer combats with which Dover was so much associated in the last war. An occasional submarine hunt, ending in a kill, was the only event of moment during the first seven or eight months of the war, if we except the epic of the evacuations.

Since May, however, there have been factors which have changed all that. Not only is the enemy once more upon the door-step, but almost as he entered the hall, at least he has created the impression of a desire to mount the stairs.

Under the constant menace of the air from bases brought unpleasantly close, and even if the experts are to be believed—of long-range bombardment from the German-occupied coasts across the street, in support of unwelcome callers, Dover has had to readjust its outlook on life in general in a manner which seems almost unbelievable to veterans of the last war.

Barbed wire entanglements, interspersed with pill-boxes and other precautions for the disillusionment of the enemy lie athwart our usual promenade, and the daily life of naval and military organisations has had to adapt itself to the stern requirements of the sirens' frequent wailing.

The problem is being met, of course, by provision of offices underground, where it is possible for the machinery to function regardless of whistle-blowing, sirens and gunfire. Underground, therefore, has coyly retired the army of "black-coated workers" necessary to the servicing of a modern garrison and naval base—and even some of the militant ranks retire thither likewise in the intervals of their above-ground activities.

Opposition had to be encountered from some die-hards, and also from the high officers of the women's services, jealous for the well-being of their charges thus condemned to something like troglodyte existences, though it is acknowledged that means must be found for essential work to be continued.



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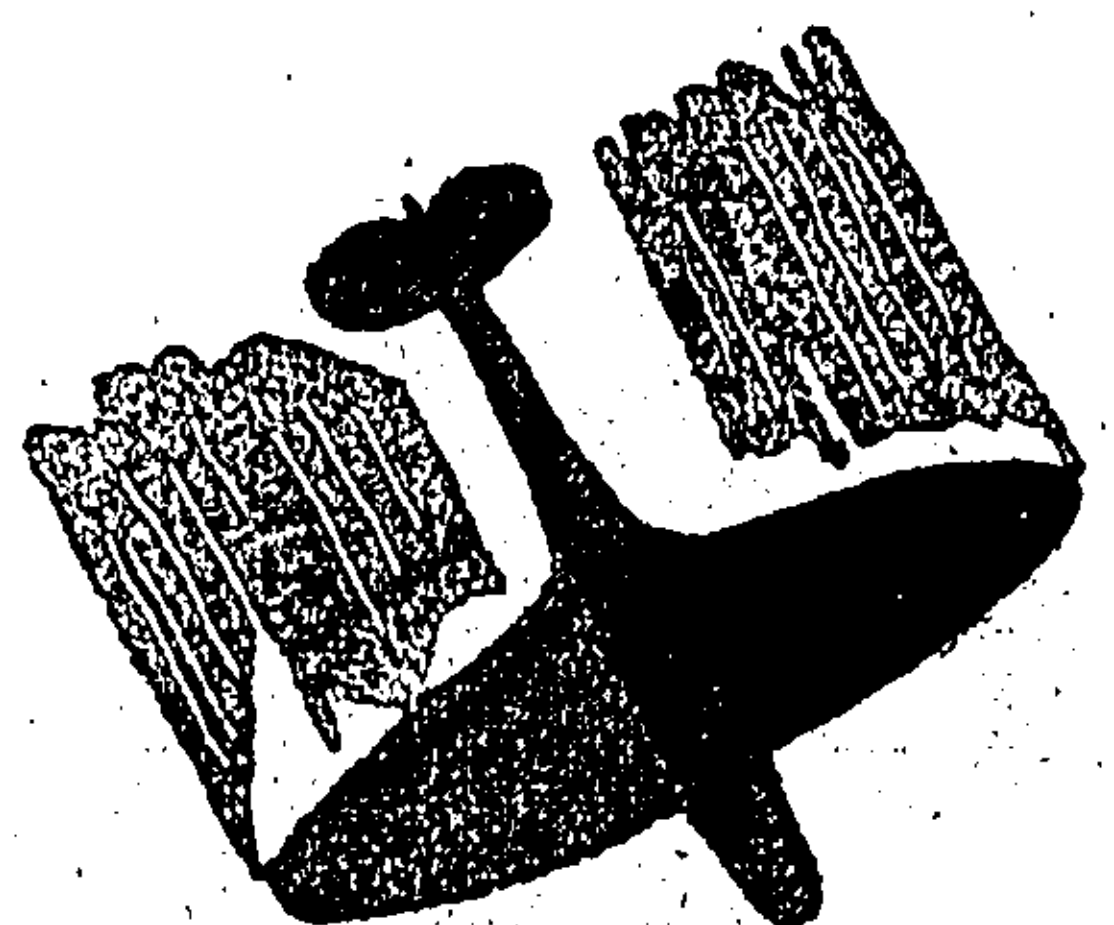
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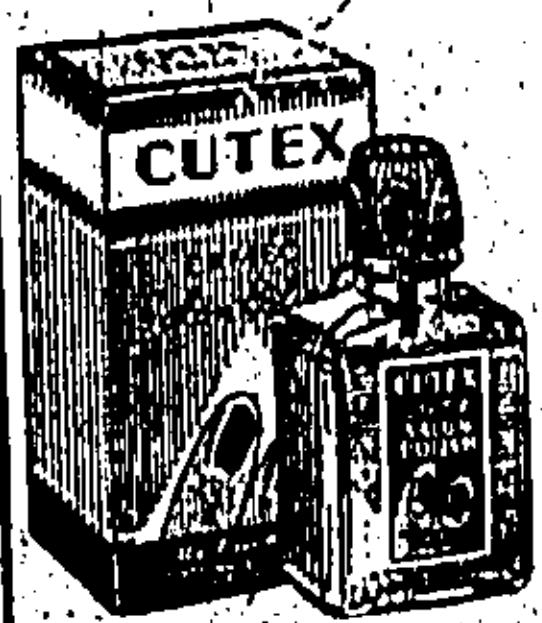
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The Free Press

In a survey of the modern Press, Mr. Wickham Steed, a former editor of The Times, London, describes journalism as something more than a craft and different from an industry. In his view it is a vocation, which is at once an art and an industry. It is a trusteeship, not unlike that which is held by physicians; with this difference, however, that while a dishonest doctor can harm at worst only a few dozen or a few score patients, a dishonest journalist may poison the minds of hundreds of thousands of his fellow-men. The moral responsibility of the Press is thus akin to that of ministers of religion, statesmen, and the leaders of public thought.

There are important considerations in view of the fact that what appears in the news and editorial columns of the daily press constitutes so much, perhaps the greater part, of the reading of the people at large. One of the practical problems of the Press is to decide upon the length of editorial articles preferred by the average reader. Mr. Steed is quite sure that newspaper readers do not now possess the powers of sustained attention that they possessed before the Great War. Newspaper articles are now, as a general thing, shorter than they used to be, and this, it is said, is at least partly due to the fact that when people have undergone a long period of strain they are apt to be impatient with any statement that they cannot take in almost at a glance.

Nevertheless, it is tolerably clear that the continual use of short disjointed sentences in an ill-constructed paragraph containing mere slogans and brief ex cathedra utterances, while it may suit people in regimented countries who feel themselves incapable of thinking things out for themselves, does not satisfy thoughtful men in free countries. There are no shortcuts to the formation of sound opinions. Of course, short and pithy articles have their place, but there is something to be said for the easier and more leisurely style. In point of fact, a severely condensed article may make greater demands on the attention than a longer one. Anyone who wishes to do so may make an interesting experiment. Let him take an essay of Bacon containing say 350 words, read it once, and then try to give the substance of it in his own words.

Mr. Steed has something to say upon the subject of broadcasting, and what he says is the more interesting in that he is a broadcaster as well as a journalist. He says that broadcasting has a wider appeal than the Press, because the newspaper public is a reflective public, whereas a broadcaster may speak to literate and illiterate alike. Tennyson said, however, that things seen are mightier than things heard, and most people are more impressed by the printed word, which remains, than by the spoken word, which flies. They like to see the news in actual print. They want to take it in more fully and reason why we are so regularly reminded that "further details will be found in your local newspaper."

my son, my son!

I CAN see now in all its details, as clearly as though I had left it but yesterday, the dingy little furnished room in the drab Manchester slum street which Dermot O'Riordan and I had shared for so many of our youthful years.

I can see the two iron beds in the corner, the two cheap chairs and the broken-down bureau before whose distorted mirror Dermot was shaving in preparation for the most momentous event in his life.

"Bad cess to it!" cried Dermot. "I would cut meself to-day of all days! Hand me a piece of paper, Will."

Without rising from my trunk-packing, I reached over to the table, pulling off the top sheet from a stack of hand-written pages, and passed it to him.

"I can't use this, man!" said Dermot. "It's the story you're writing." His puckish, snubbed nose poked forward inquiringly at me as always when he was excited.

"Use it," I said curtly. "That's all it's good for."

"Ah, there ye go now. Letting old man discouragement ride on your shoulders! You've got talent and imagination and heart! Why, man, the whole world is open for you to write about! I've no patience with a man who has no faith in himself. Will Essex."

"It's easy for you to talk, Dermot," I replied. "You want to be the finest cabinet-maker in England. Meanwhile you work in wood. You can see what you're accomplishing—and you get paid for what you do. I want to be a writer—but no one will pay me to write. I have to take any old job I can find that gives me a bare living and a chance to write on the side. Anyway, there you are—all packed and ready to go off and claim your bride!"

Dermot glanced up at the wall. "All packed! It's a fine packer you are, leavin' my picture of Brian Boru himself hangin' on the wall!" He stepped over and stood in front of the old Irish king's picture, addressing it. "It's humiliated enough I am that you've had to repose in this mildewed boardin' house."

And you the greatest of the Irish Kings! Will, if I ever have a life I'll give him back to Ireland—to live the life I missed!"

"If I ever have a son," I countered, "I'll get him out of a slum like this—out of a life like this."

When Dermot was at last shaved and dressed in his meagre best, and the drayman had removed his few effects for the trip to Liverpool where his Sheila lived, we shook hands warmly.

"I'll be seeing you as soon as I bring Sheila back," said Dermot. "Mind you, find yourself a good place to live."

"I'll have to be a cheap one until I get a job. But I'll be all right."

"Sure and you'll be all right. Both of us will be all right. He struck an attitude. "Remember the lad with the banner. Excelsior!"

"Onward and upward!" I responded.

"Me and my hands—you with your head! Goodbye, Will."

"Goodbye, Dermot."

I find myself wandering through Shelley Street, a meaner street even than the one in which Dermot and I lived. The janitress at Number 28 eyed me with open hostility.

"You'll find no cheaper lodgings around 'ere, Mister, but you can look elsewhere for all I care."

"A family I knew used to live here a dozen years ago. Name of Essex."

"Never 'eard of 'em."

A strange sadness came over me. "My mother moved to this house the day she was married," I muttered. "She had nine children in it. She buried five from it. She died in it herself. And you never heard of her!"

I moved slowly along to the corner. There was Moscrop's bakery, with its fly-blown window full of breads and cakes. Nothing was changed here; but inside, through the open door I could see Mr. Moscrop, now grown old and very fat, and a rather pretty, very prim-looking young girl who must be his daughter Nellie.

With them was a husky, rough-looking youth talking volubly, evidently engaged in some sort of altercation with old man Moscrop. I could hear his tirade, interspersed with crude billingsgate.

"Wot if I am short in my collections! How much do yer pay me for drivin' yer blasted van, anyway? I don't like yer bloomin' job, an' I'm chudin' it this very minute!"

Old Moscrop, his asthma plainly aggravated by excitement, sat in his chair puffing and wheezing, unable to speak. Nellie had clasped her hands over her ears to shut out the driver's vile language. The youth seized her arms roughly.

"Dainty, ain't yer? Dainty and religious! Yer don't like my language, do yer?" He flung down her arms and turned to the door as I stepped into the shop.

Face to face, now, we recognised each other. It was Tim Higgins, the neighbourhood bully when I had

been a boy. Memories came crowding back to me; memories of the times he had stolen my cap and run off laughing, of the times he had caught me and dumped in the mud the washing my mother had toiled over.

I went him reeling through the door with a blow in the face, then followed him outside and thrashed him till he went scurrying down the street.

Chivalrous feeling toward a timid girl and her ailing father had only a little to do with my acceptance of the vacated job which Moscrop offered me.

While driving a bakery wagon was scarcely my idea of a career, it paid enough to keep me, with the living quarters over the shop that went with it; and the long evenings were free to me to go on with the new novel I had undertaken. Nellie was friendly in her shy, respectful way, and her father came to rely upon me more and more as his affliction grew worse.

Nellie was somewhat awed with my writing but disapproved of my indifference to her efforts to convert me to the faith that occupied most of her thoughts, or to accompany her and her father to the weekly chapel services.

When I had been with them some months, Nellie asked me one chapel night to escort her to the services. Her father was feeling too ill to go out.

"Your chapel means a great deal to you, doesn't it, Nellie?" I remarked. "As much as writing this book means to me, I suppose."

"Oh, much more! That's just your work."

"Why, Nellie," I answered with mock severity, "haven't you heard that work is worship, and labour holy?"

"I'm sure that isn't in the Bible."

"Never mind," I laughed. "I'll

take you to Chapel. Who knows—you might convert a heathen."

"I'd like to," she said shyly.

"Thank you, Mr. Essex."

I sat through the services as attentively as my thoughts of my postponed writing would permit. When we returned home we found Mr. Moscrop lying in a huddled heap at the foot of the staircase, as though he had been trying to gain his bedroom during a particularly severe attack.

I bent over the inert form for a moment, with Nellie's frightened sobs in my ears. Then I arose and placed my hands gently on her shoulders.

"There's nothing we can do, Nellie. There's nothing anyone can do!"

She leaned against me, letting her grief and fright and loneliness pour themselves out unchecked. Perhaps I had already known that sooner or later I was going to marry Nellie Moscrop.

Significant as the event was in my life, the arrival of the printed copies of my first published book was overshadowed by something even more portentous. For on the same night Dermot O'Riordan's son was born.

This, in my own envious eyes, caused my accomplishment to pale almost to nothingness. Arriving while Dermot was polishing the beautiful new cradle he had carved and keeping a constant ear cocked upward toward Sheila's bedroom, I almost forgot to mention my book.

Yet Dermot was vastly delighted at it, and even more at the dedication of the book to his daughter Nellie. "To my friend, Dermot said nothing immediately, but returned the book to the shelf and permitted the search to end in failure."

As soon as the child was born I hastened home to tell the good news up and left the room, I hurriedly



to Nellie, who had refused to accompany me to the O'Riordans because it was Chapel night.

Sitting up in bed in her high-necked, long-sleeved nightgown and two braids of hair lying along her back, she must have been stirred by my excited awe at the thought of Dermot's having a son. She smiled a little shyly, looking down at the bedclothes.

"I didn't mean to tell you so soon, Will, but you needn't envy Dermot. Not for long."

Overcome with joy, I determined then and there that my son (and I never doubted it would be a son) should be born away from the slum in which his parents had been reared.

I would sell the bakery, move to the seaside, make my living by writing books and more books—I would work my fingers to the bone so that my son might be reared in decent, clean, respectable surroundings and have every advantage that poverty had denied me in my childhood.

After the bitter exhaustion of my early youthful struggles to write an acceptable novel, the composition of more books came comparatively easy to me.

My maiden book sold few copies but won me a respectful reception at the hands of the critics. My second did only a little better for me pecuniarily, but established me more solidly in literary circles as a young author who stood on the threshold of fulfilling marked promise.

And when my third book was published, it soon became evident that I had at last hit the mark—that bosom both of the critics and of the reading public.

We sold "The Beaches," the little tree-bordered suburban house where Oliver was born, and in partnership with Dermot and Sheila we purchased

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chased "Heronwater," a good-sized estate perched high on a rocky cliff overlooking a sandy cove in Cornwall. Oliver was now eight, just a few months younger than Dermot's boy, Rory, and a year older than the little girl, Maeve, whom Sheila had born to her husband.

Nellie and I had frequent little encounters over the rearing of our son. Her leaning was all toward the firm but just hand, the prim correctness, tinged with devoutness, that had been the keynote of her upbringing.

My ceaseless delight in the child's joy in the mere fact that I had a son for whom I planned every happiness I myself had missed in my childhood and youth—these were things beyond her ken or without the orbit of her sympathies. And she noted (though she said little about it) the thousand little ways in which I spoiled the lad.

One evening, while I was putting Oliver to bed, Rory burst into the room, towing his father by the hand. Over Dermot's laughing protests, the boy insisted upon recovering from Oliver a book he had lent him—"The Irish Kings."

"Oh, Rory," protested Oliver, "you're always losing things. You know I haven't got your book."

But Rory insisted with a simple earnestness that could not be denied. Finally I suggested that we look around for it. I ran my eye quickly over the books on Oliver's shelves, until I espied one that looked unfamiliar. It bore a paper cover on which a childish hand had lettered the title, "Adventures."

Opening the book out of curiosity, I discovered that it was Rory's "Irish Kings." Surprised and disturbed at Oliver's subterfuge, I nevertheless said nothing immediately, but returned the book to the shelf and permitted the search to end in failure.

But after Dermot and Rory gave me the book, I hurriedly

slipped off the paper cover, stowed the book under a seat cushion, called them back, and pretended to find it there on a last sudden chance.

As they withdrew again, the boy clutching his book happily, Nellie came into the room. I confronted Oliver sternly.

"Oliver, why did you steal Rory's book?"

"Steal it? But I didn't steal it!" "It was in the bookcase. You must have put it there. And you said that Rory had taken it away with him. Wasn't that a lie?"

"Yes, it was a lie. And I know I shouldn't have told it. But I didn't steal the book."

"If that isn't stealing," I said, becoming almost angry at him for the first time in my life, "what do you call it?"

Oliver explained patiently, with disarming candor. "Don't you see? I took it because it was Rory's. I love Rory, and I wanted to have something belonging to him—something that he loved. You believe me, don't you, father?"

With a vast sign of relief I put my arm about him. "Yes, I believe you, Oliver."

During all this Nellie listened silently. But when Oliver went off to the bathroom to wash his face, she turned to me grimly.

"What are you going to do about this?"

"Why, there's nothing to do. It's all settled."

"Whether I'm anything to you or not. I'm the child's mother. Do you think it doesn't matter to me that he's growing up a cheat and a liar?"

"Oh, it's not that bad," I said. "Oliver got his sense of right and wrong a bit muddled. Natural for a child—but these things are easily straightened out with understanding and love."

"I'm not blinded by what you call 'love,'" she interrupted. "Bringing up a child to think he can do what he likes! I think Oliver should be thrashed for what he has done."

"I don't," I replied quietly. "And if you have no other suggestion, I may as well go." I left the room and started down the hall to my own room, realising only now how much the incident had shaken me.

As I stood staring out of a window, a series of sharp, agonised cries came from Oliver's room. "No! No! Don't! Don't!"

I dashed back into the room and seized from Nellie's hand the cane with which she was punishing the child. As I wrenched it from her grasp the boy suddenly turned upon me and drove his little fist into my face with all his strength, crying "Don't hit my mother!"

Although the blow was a puny one, I staggered back as though I had been dealt a mortal injury. Astonishment, grief, anger crowded one another in my confused thoughts.

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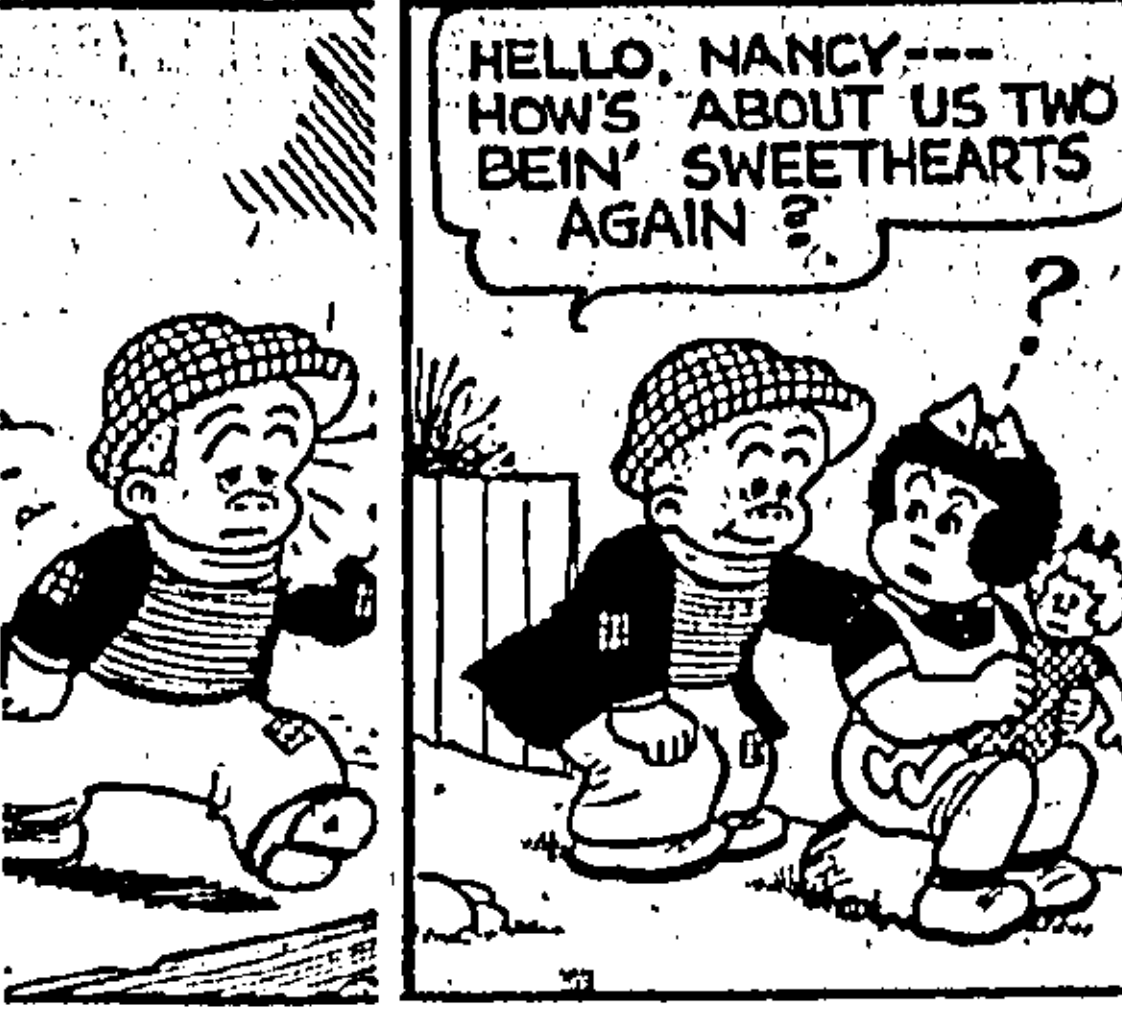
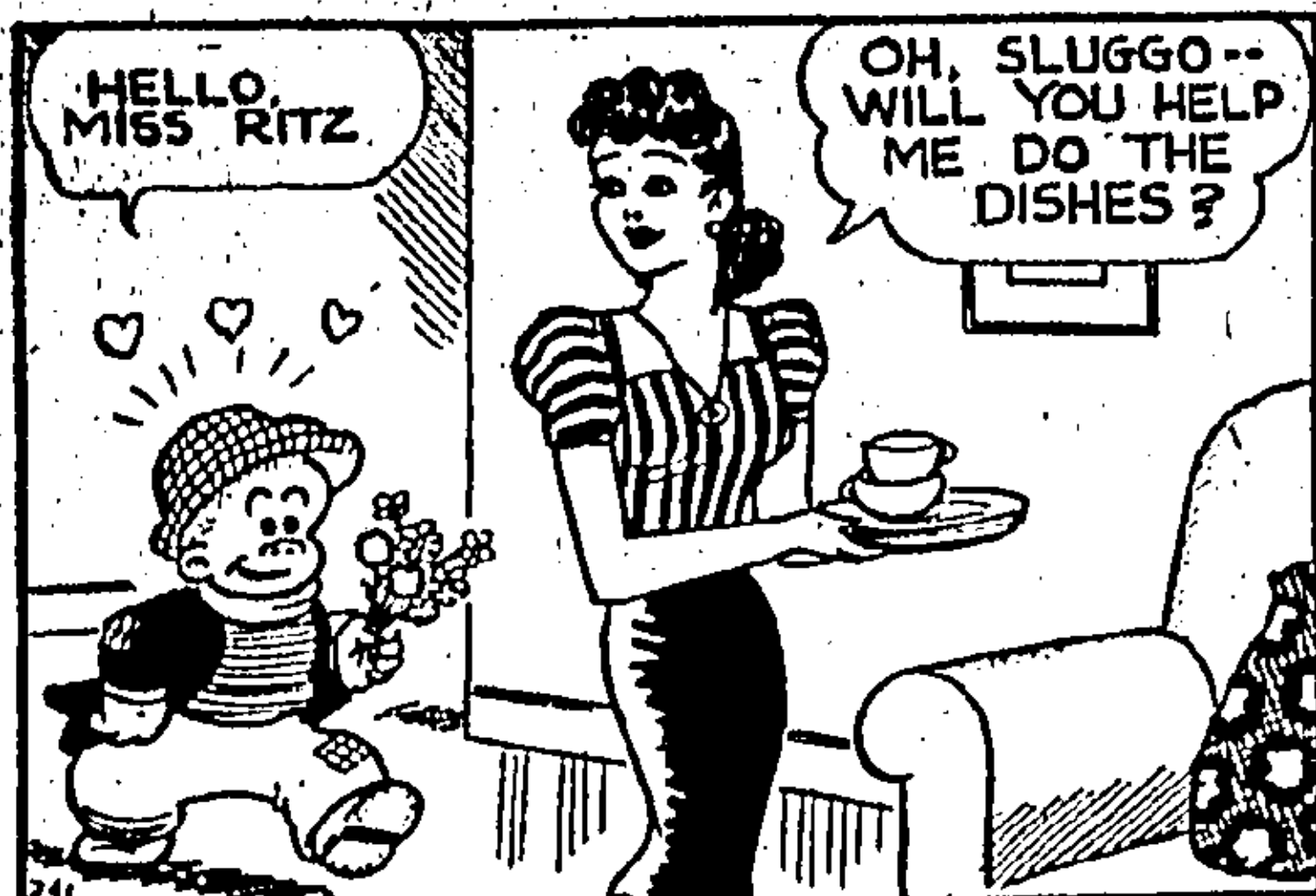
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(To be continued)

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

R.A.F. ATTACK ON NAZI M.T.B.s

Spectacular Dive-Bombing

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Five German E-boats—fast motor torpedo boats—cruising off Cap Gris Nez were bombed by six British bombers this afternoon.

The boats were strung out in line several miles from the French coast and were clearly visible from the Kent coast.

A German seaplane circled above. Suddenly half a dozen R.A.F. bombers swooped from high clouds and started dive-bombing.

Columns of water a hundred feet high leapt into the air along the line of motor boats, hiding the latter from view.

Protecting Spitfires sped across the sky as the bombers re-climbed for another attack.

No direct hits were observed and all the boats turned and dashed for the shore.

Chungking Urges British To Open The Burma Road

Special to the "Telegraph"

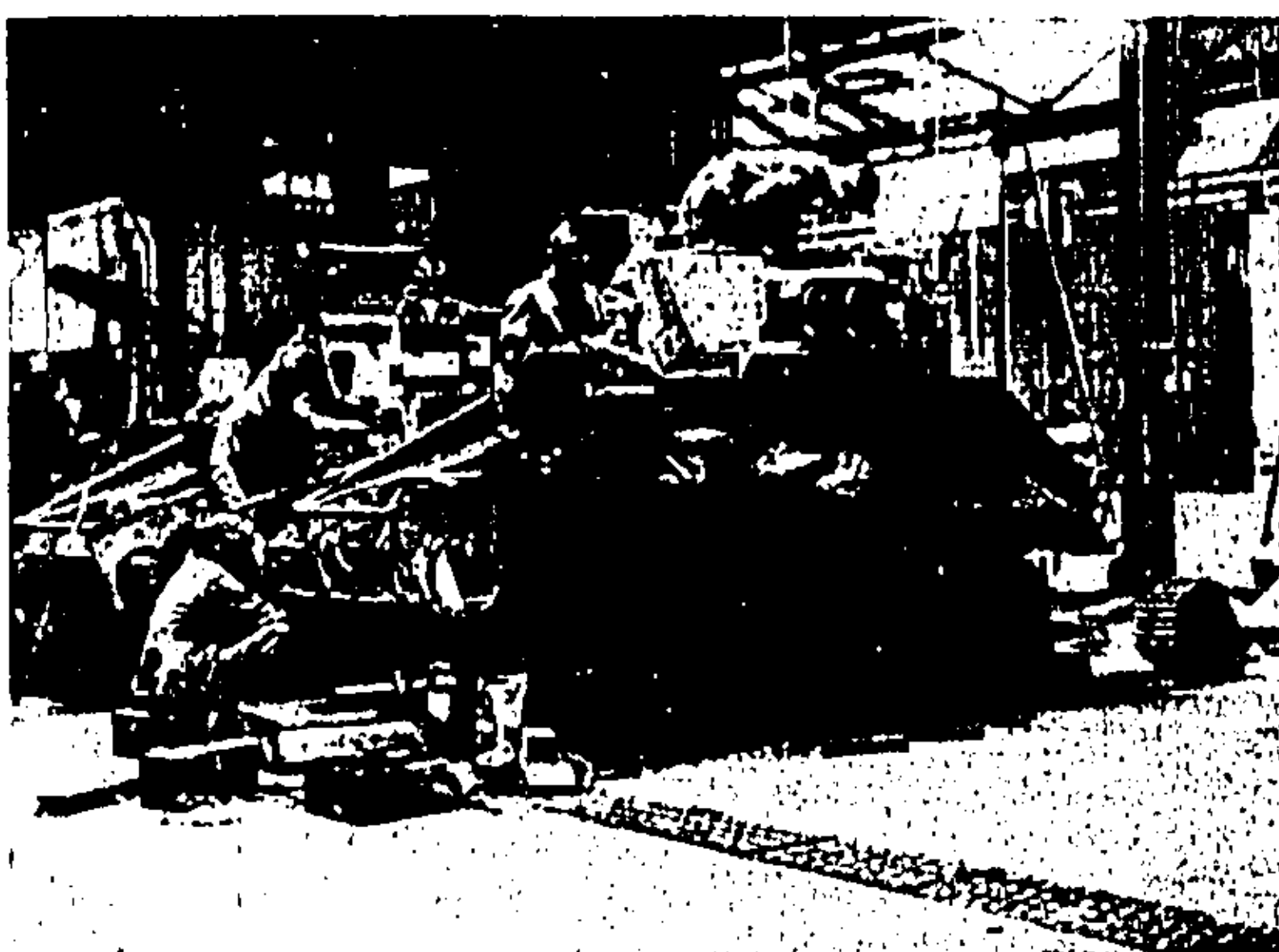
(CHUNGKING, Sept. 24 (UP).—Britain is being urged by Chungking to open the Burma Road.

The official "Central Daily News" to-day declared that opening of the Burma Road by Britain was essential if the Japanese were to be prevented from invading Burma through Indo-China.

"The invasion of French Indo-China, under the pretext of a passage for Japanese troops to march on China, is really a move to attack Far Eastern possessions of the British Empire such as Hongkong, Singapore and Burma," declared the editorial.

The best and most effective self-protection for Britain is to keep the Burma Road open and under its control.

Britain's Tank Army Is Growing Fast



The Northern Command R.A.O.C. Motor Transport Workshops are averaging eighteen hours a day, overhauling and repairing motor transport of all descriptions. They are here photographed at work re-erecting a light tank.

Chinese Protest Rejected
A Vichy message from "Dome" says that M. Baudouin the French Foreign Minister has rejected the Chinese protest against the Decoux-Nishihara agreement for the landing of Japanese troops, and has notified Chungking that France cannot permit penetration of Chinese troops into Tongking.

"United Press" from Chungking says that political circles in the Chinese capital and M. Baudouin's comment on the Hanoi pact with the Japanese was contempt. They declare that M. Baudouin is deceiving himself when he says that the military concessions to Japan are temporary, exceptional in nature and in force only for the duration of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

"Will Resist Japanese"
WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UP).—The U.S. Ambassador, M. Gaston Henry Hays, said the French troops in Indo-China are determined to resist the Japanese troops regardless of the odds.

American Interest
WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The United States is closely watching the situation between Thailand and Indo-China, Mr. Cordell Hall, the Secretary of State, declared to-day.

The question of the United States licensing airplanes to be sent to Thailand may be investigated, he added.

CHANNEL OPERATIONS Brest Bombed

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Further British bombing operations on the French and Belgian coast is announced by the Air Ministry news service.

At the naval station of Brest this morning long lines of bombs were dropped on the torpedo boat station, oil tanks and stores.

Heavy explosions were followed by four fires.

A pillar of dense black smoke enveloped the harbour and flames were visible more than 30 miles from the French coast.

Other aircraft of the Coastal Command laid sticks of bombs across the canal mouth at Zeebrugge. Unusually large flashes followed the explosions of their salvos.

AXIS PARLEYS Collaboration Boast

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—A hint of the part Africa may have played in the recent Ribbentrop-Mussolini talks was given to-day by the Italian Colonial Minister, who has been engaged in discussions in Germany.

Future collaboration between Germany and Italy is completely settled, he said.

Ribbentrop has now reported to Hitler about his talks. No statement has yet been issued as to what was achieved but it is believed that the Germans demanded a hand in Syria by addition of German advisers in the Italian Armistice Commission.

British Submarine Feared Lost

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that H.M. submarine Thames (Lieut. Commr. W. D. Dunkerly, R.N.) is overdue and must be considered lost.

The next of kin have been informed.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

R.A.F. Raids Italian Bases In Abyssinia

Raids by the Royal Air Force on the Italian bases in Eritrea, Libya and Abyssinia are described in official communiques.

LONDON: German Formations Broken Up

Two German formations, consisting of bombers escorted by a large number of fighters, made attacks across the coast and in the area of the Thames Estuary this morning.

Neither force penetrated to London. Some bombs were dropped in Thames-side towns. Damage was caused to houses and buildings but the number of casualties was small.

Early this afternoon, an enemy air attack was made in the Southampton area. Some buildings were damaged and a number of casualties were caused.

During the afternoon, enemy air activity was not on a large scale but in attacks by single aircraft bombs were dropped in a number of districts, including Brighton.

Damage was caused to houses, business premises and a number of casualties were reported.

Eight enemy aircraft were destroyed to-day. Four of our fighters have been lost but the pilot of one is safe. It is now established that two enemy bombers were shot down by anti-aircraft guns during the night of Monday-Tuesday.

R.A.F.: More Raids On Italian Bases

Our bombers attacked aircraft on the Menastir landing ground on Sunday. All bombs fell on the target area.

Yesterday a second attack was delivered. Three explosions, among the aircraft were followed by a fire.

Two raids were made on Tobruk harbour yesterday. In the first, bombs burst among the buildings and near the jetty. In the second, bombs fell on buildings and very near ships beside the jetty.

Zula in Eritrea was attacked on September 21. Fires were started in the centre of the camp and were visible 20 miles away.

Yesterday a successful attack was made on the aerodrome at Man Adaga. Two fighters were definitely destroyed.

The South African Air Force raided Selassiemanna, in central Abyssinia, on September 22.

CAIRO: Our Artillery Silences Enemy

No change has occurred in the situation in the western desert, according to a G.H.Q. communique.

CHANNEL: Attacks On Nazi Minesweepers

A formation of British bombers escorted by fighters attacked enemy mine-sweepers in the English Channel this afternoon.

Hits were obtained on two vessels and another was damaged by bombs which burst close to it.

During this operation, an attack was made by enemy fighters in which one of four bombers was shot down and one enemy destroyed.

Story Of "Reuters" Is Filmed

Screened Before U.S. Newspapermen

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The first public exhibition of the film, "A Dispatch from Reuters" in which Edward G. Robinson plays the part of Baron Julius de Reuter has been followed by its exhibition to a specially invited group of American editors, newspaper proprietors and leader-writers.

The film deals with the foundation and early years of the Reuters news agency, culminating with the occasion when Reuters news of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln in 1865 reached England, far in advance of the official reports.

More Aussies To Serve Overseas

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Another division of the Australian Expeditionary Force will be formed, Mr. R. G. Menzies, the premier, announced to-day.

The nucleus of this division, the 9th division, will be certain units already overseas. The rest will leave soon.

Major-General Henry Gordon Bennett has been made Commanding Officer of the 8th division, which is still in Australia.



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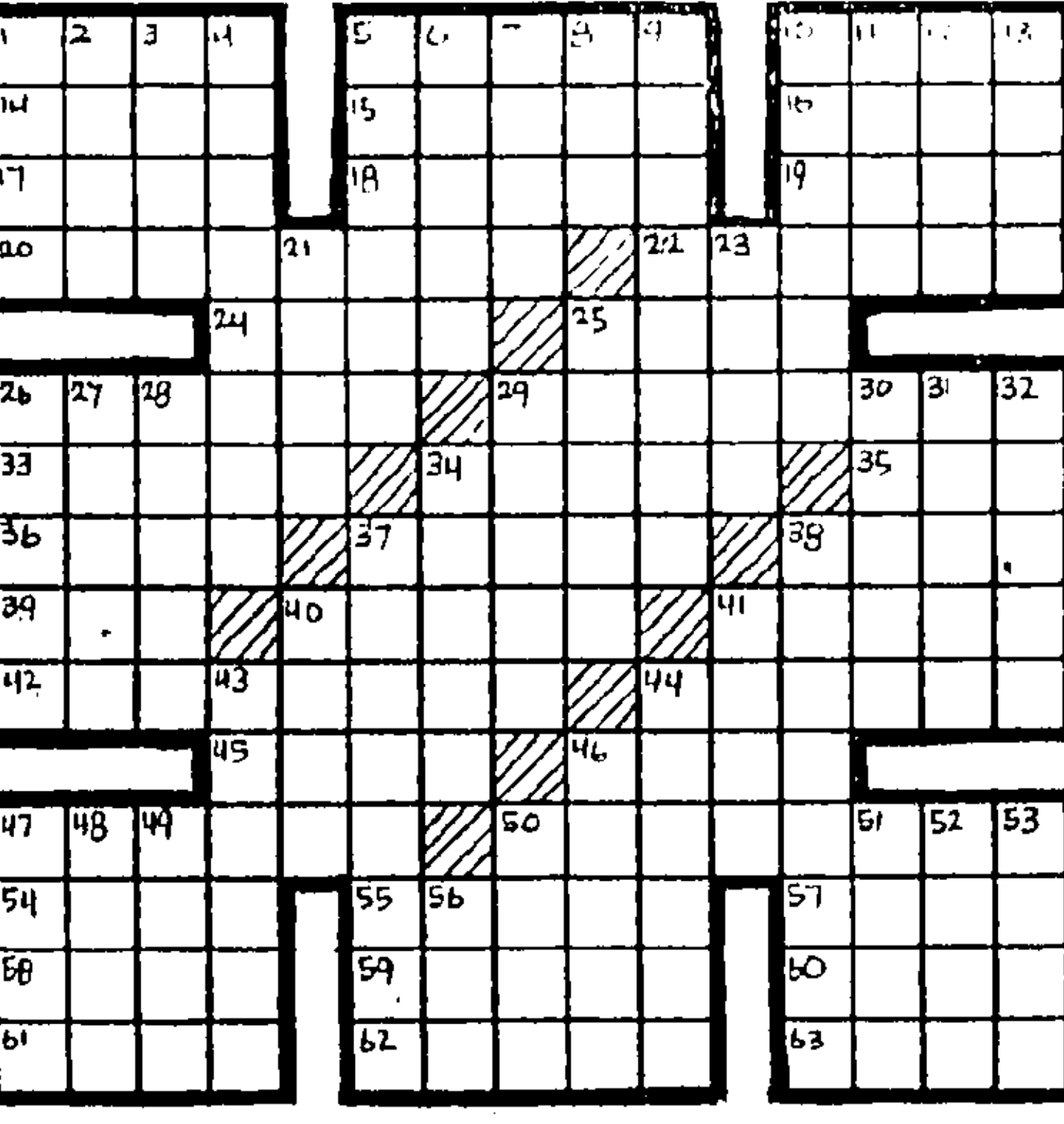
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ACROSS

1. Name in music
2. Bird of feather
3. Name of a fish
4. Woman's voice
5. Old woman
6. Dining hall
7. Modern dignitary
8. Disturbances
9. Brazilian
10. Contribution
11. Sharp pain
12. Projections in back of the head
13. Moisture from eye
14. Del aware
15. Concealed
16. Performances
17. Wit
18. Beverage
19. Clanking sound
20. Jumped head
21. Torment
22. Sarcasm
23. Worthless remark
24. Uttered
25. Palm-shaped body
26. Defers
27. Mountain lion
28. Mexican peasant
29. Begins
30. Boiling
31. Ship of Argonauts
32. Arctic wild dog
33. Warty
34. Combining form: hand
35. Containing gold

DOWN

1. Indian weapon
2. America
3. Groups of three
4. Britisher
5. Russian field marshal
6. Lined
7. Friend of Mahomet
8. English school
9. Breathing organ
10. Military assistant
11. Butcher
12. Surge of water
13. Come to point
14. Bad treaty
15. Pouch in cream
16. French general
17. Was rumored of
18. Bird's claw
19. Thin layer
20. Rejoice in fact
21. Pine cone
22. Judgment day
23. Turned point
24. Downward
25. Permeable
26. Close
27. Small cabbage
28. Lined
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MEET the Man Who Nearly Killed Hitler—Sergeant Tandy, V.C., now a Commissionaire at a Coventry motor works.

When Mr. Chamberlain visited Hitler in his nest at Berchtesgaden, the Fuehrer showed him a painting by Fortunino Matania of a 1918 battle scene at Menin cross-roads.

Central figure of the painting was Sergeant Tandy.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks \$	1,305 b.
H.K. Banks £	87 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £	72 n.
Chartered £	6-9/16 n.
Mercantile, A & B £	27 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C £	11 n.
East Asia \$	72 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton \$	200 n.
Union \$	405 n.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	150 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglases \$	120 n.
Steamboats \$	11 n.
Indo-China P. \$	100 n.
Indo-China D. \$	80 n.
Shell (Benares) s/-	35 7/8 n.
Waterbous s/-	6 00 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves \$	92 n.
Docks (old) \$	16 80 n.
Docks (new) \$	10 1/4 n.
Providents \$	4 50 b. & 40 n.
Shan Dockyards \$	39 n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	18 1/2 n.
Ranbys \$	9 1/4 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts n.
LANDS	
Hotels \$	3 00 n.
Land \$	31 40 n.
Land 4 1/2 Debenities	100 n.
Shan Lands Sh. \$	12 30 n.
Hampshires \$	7 10 n.
H.K. Realties \$	3 00 n.
Chinese Realties \$	10 1/2 n.
UTILITIES	
Trans \$	16 n.
Peak Trans (old) \$	7 40 n.
Peak Trans (new) \$	3 70 n.
Star Electric \$	60 n.
Y. Electric \$	22 1/2 b.
China Light (old) \$	7 00 n.
China Light (new) \$	4 b.
H.K. Electric (old) \$	30 1/2 b.
H.K. Electric (new) \$	30 b.
Macao Electric (old) \$	12 n.
Macao Electric (new) \$	16 n.
Sandakan Light \$	11 n.
Telephones (old) \$	24 1/2 n.
Telephones (new) \$	10 b.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cold Mngt. (Old) Sh. \$	14 00 n.
Cold Mngt. (New) Sh. \$	12 n.
Canton Ind. \$	1 n.
Cement \$	10 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes \$	5 1/2 b.
STORES, &c.	
Deas Farm \$	10 1/2 b.
Watson \$	6 85 b.
Lane & Co. \$	7 45 n.
Somerset \$	2 15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$	39 n.
Deas Ltd. \$	1 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Sh. \$	11 n.
Sh. \$	190 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	95 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940)	95 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GS1845	35 n.
H.K. Entertainments \$	1 09 n.
Constructions (new) \$	1 n.
China Piling \$	8 n.
Marsmans Ind. (H.K.) \$	6 1/2 n.
Marsmans Ind. (H.K.) s/-	3 1/2 n.

The Germans had sixteen machine guns—and, saying one of them was Corporal Adolf Hitler.

For four days Tandy had the sights of his gun trained on men, one by one he polished them off.

Hitler said to Mr. Chamberlain: "Providence alone saved me from such devilishly accurate fire."

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"That was nearly the scene of my death," Hitler told Mr. Chamberlain. "That man in the centre came so near to killing me that I thought I would never see Germany again."

The painting records the action for which Tandy gained his V.C.

With his platoon, armed with two machine guns, he held up and later routed a large German contingent who had occupied a ridge a few hundred yards from the cross-roads.

Charged Machine Gun Nest

The Germans had sixteen machine guns—and, saying one of them was Corporal Adolf Hitler.

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Lord Catto For Bank Of England?

WHO will succeed Mr. Montagu Norman as Governor of the Bank of England?

Mr. Attlee's recent promise of banking control has drawn attention to the problem, which is now under discussion in responsible quarters.

Mr. Norman's resignation, though it is not to be expected immediately, cannot be long delayed.

He is in his 70th year, and has been Governor for more than 20 years.

"Grooming" Him

Lord Catto, recently appointed to the new job of Financial Adviser to the Treasury, is regarded in the City and elsewhere as the leading candidate.

His appointment in that post (formerly occupied in effect by Mr. Norman) is not unreasonably taken to be the first step in "grooming" him as Mr. Norman's successor.

He is a partner in the firm of Morgan Grenfell, one of the most powerful and exclusive of the private banking houses. One of his colleagues there is Mr. Pierpont Morgan of New York.

Lord Catto is highly acceptable to City and Tory Party opinion.

Outside those circles he does not have much support.

"Too Narrow"

His socialisation and experience are felt to be far too narrow for a job which carries with it great financial and political power.

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NAZI-JAPAN DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE IN THE FAR EAST IS REPORTED To Become Effective in Event Of Anglo-U.S. Collaboration

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, SEPT. 25 (UP).—AUTHORITATIVE REPORTS FROM TOKYO STATE THAT GERMANY AND JAPAN HAVE AGREED, IN PRINCIPLE, TO A DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE IN THE EVENT OF ANGLO-AMERICAN COLLABORATION IN THE FAR EAST, NOTABLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE SINGAPORE BASE.

In the event of British and America taking any collaborative action regarding Singapore, Japan will abandon her policy of non-involvement in the European war.

It is further reported that Hitler's personal representative, Herr Stahmer, negotiated the provisional German-Japanese defence pact which envisages worldwide diversion of American attention, especially in South America and the Far East.

JOINT ANGLO-U.S. ACTION PROBABLE

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UP).—There are increasing indications that the United States and Great Britain are considering parallel moves to "stop Japan's drive into southeastern Asia."

Unofficial but reliable sources declare that neither nation could allow a Japanese invasion of Indo-China without taking some action themselves, and neither could the consequent threat to the Straits Settlements and the Dutch East Indies be permitted to pass unnoticed.

It is reported that the Administration at Washington considers the Indo-China situation to be the most serious threat to the status quo in Asia since the Japanese attacked Shanghai.

3-HOUR RAID ON GIBRALTAR

Navy Steams Out To Action

Special to the "Telegraph"

LA LINEA, Sept. 24 (Dome).—French planes bombed Gibraltar for three hours to-day, sending up clouds of black smoke and shaking the fortress with a series of explosions.

The attacks ceased abruptly shortly after half past three in the afternoon.

Half an hour later British naval units were seen steaming out of Gibraltar, apparently heading for the Atlantic.

Later in the afternoon reports from Tangier said that heavy cannonading was audible from an undetermined place.

Reports have it that British forces are preparing to strike at French Moroccan ports in answer to the Gibraltar bombardments.

PRESIDENT SHIP AGROUND

Well-Known In H.K.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

The President Van Buren, round-the-world American President Line ship, and well known in Hongkong where she regularly calls, yesterday ran aground in 4½ fathoms of water on a bank of Tobago, according to a "United Press" report from the Port of Spain.

It is added that the liner was refloated shortly afterwards. The ship will continue to Port of Spain. No information is given concerning the damage.

MINE-SWEEPERS BOMBED BY R.A.F.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 25 (UP).—It is officially announced that during yesterday afternoon formations of British bombers escorted by fighters, attacked enemy mine-sweepers in the English Channel.

Hits were scored on one or two vessels. During the operation one of the British bombs was brought down and an enemy plane destroyed.

French Repudiate Indo-China Pact

New Development

HAIPHONG, Sept. 25. (Reuter).—French official circles declare that since the Japanese are continuing to infringe the terms of the Hanoi agreement by trying to enter Indo-China forcibly, the French regard the agreement as cancelled.

Vichy Protest

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VICHY, Sept. 25 (UP).—The French Government has protested to the Japanese against the first violation of the Franco-Japanese pact concerning Indo-China.

The official protest blames the Japanese for the border fighting alleging that the Japanese forces entered Tongking from Kwangsi and not through Haiphong in accordance with the pact.

Chinese May Move

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, Sept. 24 (UP).—A hint that Chinese forces will eventually cross into Indo-China was given by the announcement to-day that at a meeting of the Executive Yuan it was decided that the Chinese Government will follow the measures formerly agreed upon with regard to Indo-China.

These measures are believed to include penetration into Tongking in the event of a Japanese invasion. The military and diplomatic aspects of the Franco-Japanese developments were fully discussed.

Japanese Casualties

TOKYO, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Japanese casualties in the skirmish at Dong Dang, south of Lungchow, yesterday totalled about 100, according to information reaching Tokyo states a semi-official Japanese report.

More Fighting

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HANOI, Sept. 24 (UP).—It has been officially announced that

There is as yet, no hint of the Government's possible moves. However, authoritative sources state that any move would not take the form of a protest to Japan, thus hinting that any action would be more drastic.

British Move Reported

It is also reliably reported that Britain is considering sending heavy naval reinforcements to the Far East squadron based at Singapore.

Confidential information indicates that Britain intends to separate a number of ships, including several battleships, from their forces in the Mediterranean.

It is further reported, though without official confirmation, that the United States might send part of her fleet from Hawaii to reinforce the U.S. Asiatic Squadron, basing the new units at Singapore.

Mr. Hull's Statement

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24. (Reuter).—More factual information on developments in French Indo-China is being awaited before any particular steps would be taken regarding Japan's activities, stated Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, at a press conference.

He declined to discuss the possibility of American aid to the French forces in Indo-China if they resisted or to say whether an American protest has been or would be made to Tokyo.

Mr. Hull added that he had heard of no official intimation that part of the United States fleet now in Hawaii might be sent to the Atlantic.

Chungking Opinion

CHUNGKING, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Newspapers here maintain that the Japanese move is aimed more against British and United States interests in the Pacific than against China.

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LATEST

Haiphong Landing Scheduled

TOKYO, Sept. 25 (Dome).—The Japanese forces are scheduled to land at Haiphong to-day under the terms of the Franco-Japanese Agreement.

The Headquarters of the Japanese Expeditionary Force says in a communique: "We expect the landing at Haiphong to be effected peacefully."

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Further Late News

Nazi Troops In Finland

Short Cut To Norway

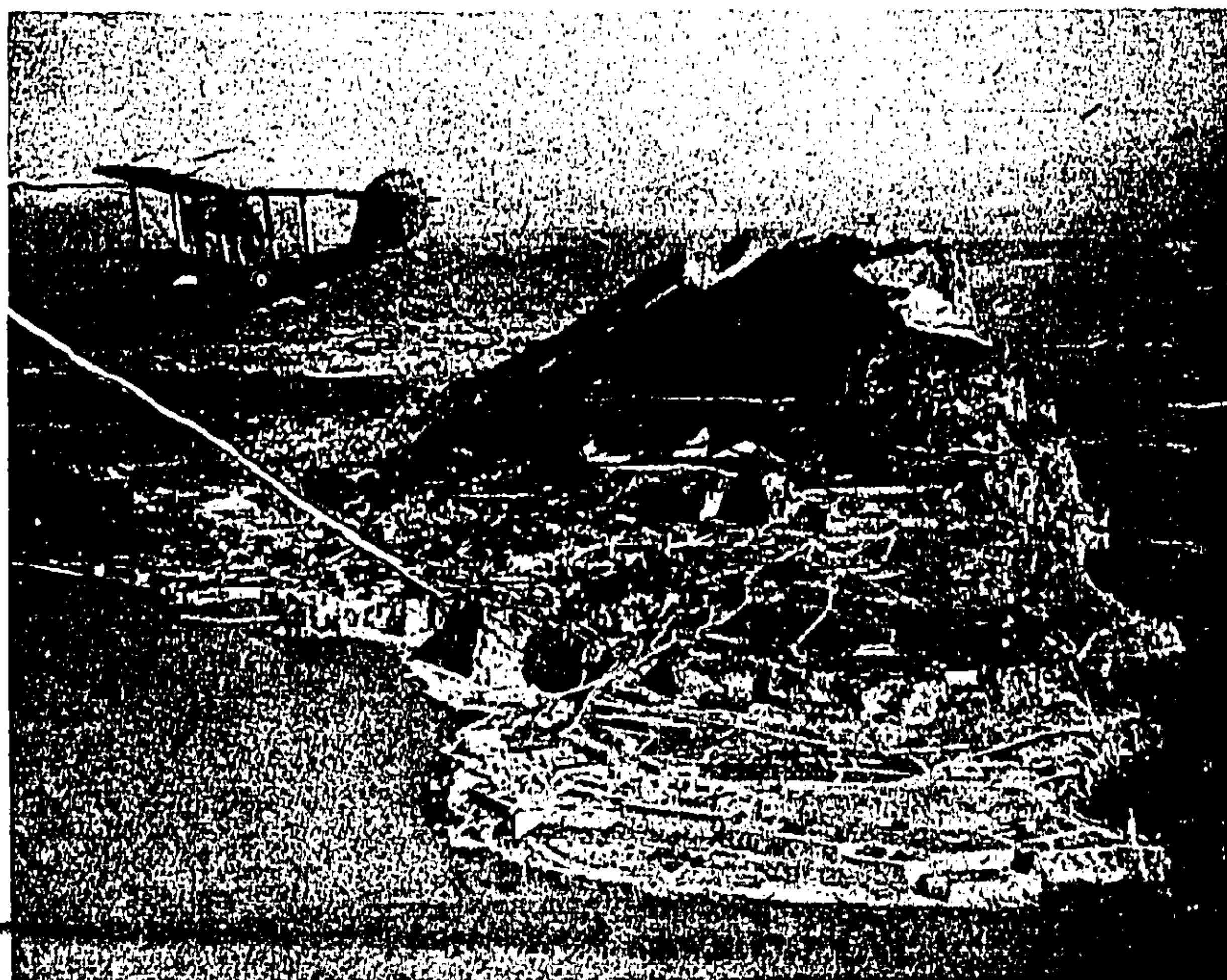
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINKI, Sept. 24 (Sept.).—German troops have landed in Finland.

The first batch of troops landed at Vasa to-night under the Finn-German agreement which was reached following publication of the German demands.

The number of Nazi troops concerned in the operation cannot be ascertained, but it is believed others will follow.

The reason for the German demands is believed to be that the route to Norway is shorter through Finland than through Oslo and Ekstrand.

GIBRALTAR RAIDED BY FRENCH, SAY REPORTS



A striking picture of Gibraltar which, according to various reports, was yesterday heavily attacked by 30 French planes in retaliation for the British action at Dakar. Gibraltar still remains Britain's greatest strategical possession in the Mediterranean.

Vivid And Exclusive Stories Of Last Night's Severe Raids On London And Southampton: Casualties High

Destruction In West End Reported To Be Heavy

Special to the "Telegraph"

London and other parts of England were heavily raided yesterday evening, according to "United Press" reports. Bombs were dropped on non-military objectives and it is admitted that considerable damage was caused.

Gen. De Gaulle's Movement Spreads Rapidly in France

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Sept. 24 (UP).—The Petain Government is anxious about the spreading influence of General de Gaulle's movement.

The Vichy authorities allege that the movement is rapidly developing and has now reached Paris.

As a result a purge of all de Gaulle's has been ordered.

The Cabinet has created a special court martial for "traitors."

It is reported that de Gaulle propaganda is being left with Parisian concierges.

Vichy has announced that all suspects sent before the special court martial will be either released, jailed or executed within 48 hours.

Air Force Smash Up Nazi Channel Bases

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Royal Air Force in one week alone carried out 48 separate attacks on docks at German held Channel ports and other enemy invasion bases, states "Reuter's" correspondent.

Terrific damage was done not only to docks but also to quays, canals and locks and violent explosions and huge fires occurred from Cherbourg to Hamburg.

Other impressive fires in this unique record of intense aerial bombardment include 31 attacks on barge concentrations, 48 on shipping, eight on war supplies at docks, seven on searchlight concentrations and six on gun emplacements.

At least five enemy supply ships were sunk, others were set on fire and direct hits were obtained on

However, the raiders were given a hot reception and it is officially reported that eight of the invading planes were destroyed by British fighters, while anti-aircraft guns brought down two others last night. British losses for the day were four, although the pilot of one is safe.

Vivid Description

The following despatches vividly describe the severe raids to which London was subjected during the day and the evening.

Bombs were dropped in north, southeast and southwest London districts in an early raid yesterday evening.

One bomber dropped an orange flare and then a high explosive bomb which landed in central London with a terrific crash.

Another big bomb crashed into an office building in the West End causing a fire which was quickly extinguished, although the building was demolished. Glass was shattered in every building in the area. Blocks and buildings several hundreds of yards away were rocked by the force of the explosion.

"Molotov" breadbaskets were sprayed in a southwest shopping district.

23 Districts Bombed

Early reports this morning showed that at least 23 districts in the London area were bombed. Buildings, shops and homes were demolished. Two hospitals were damaged and many casualties were caused.

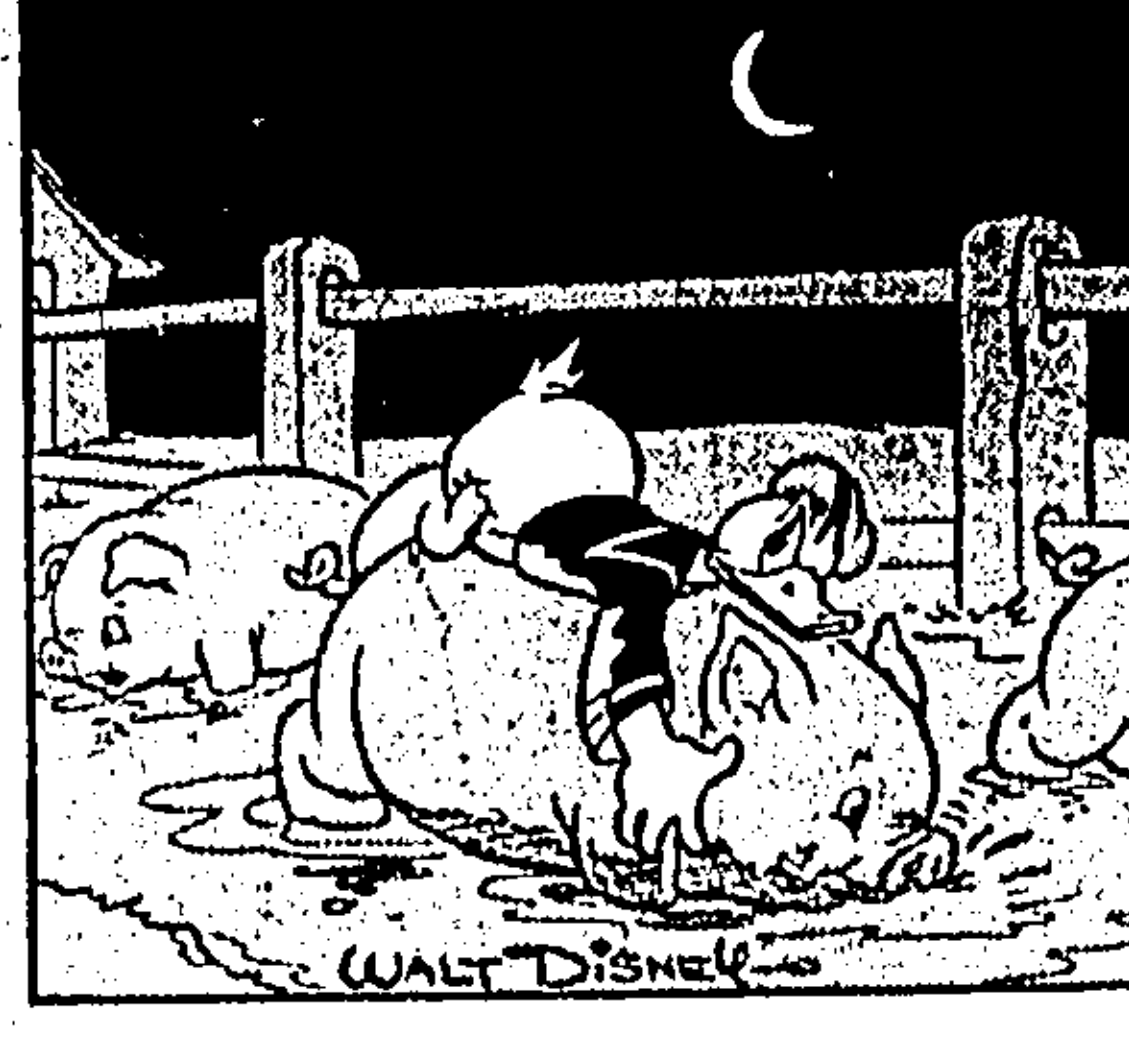
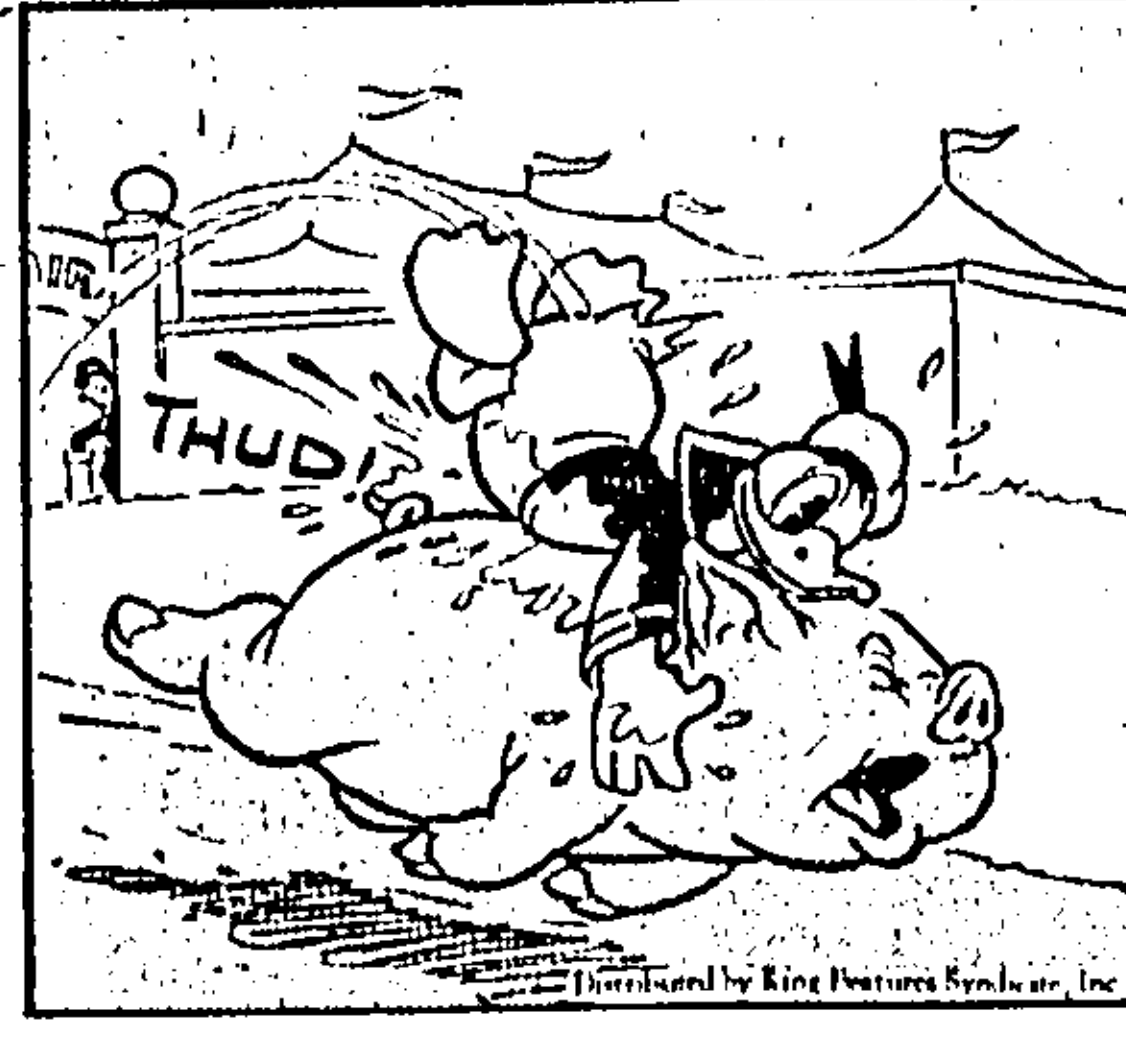
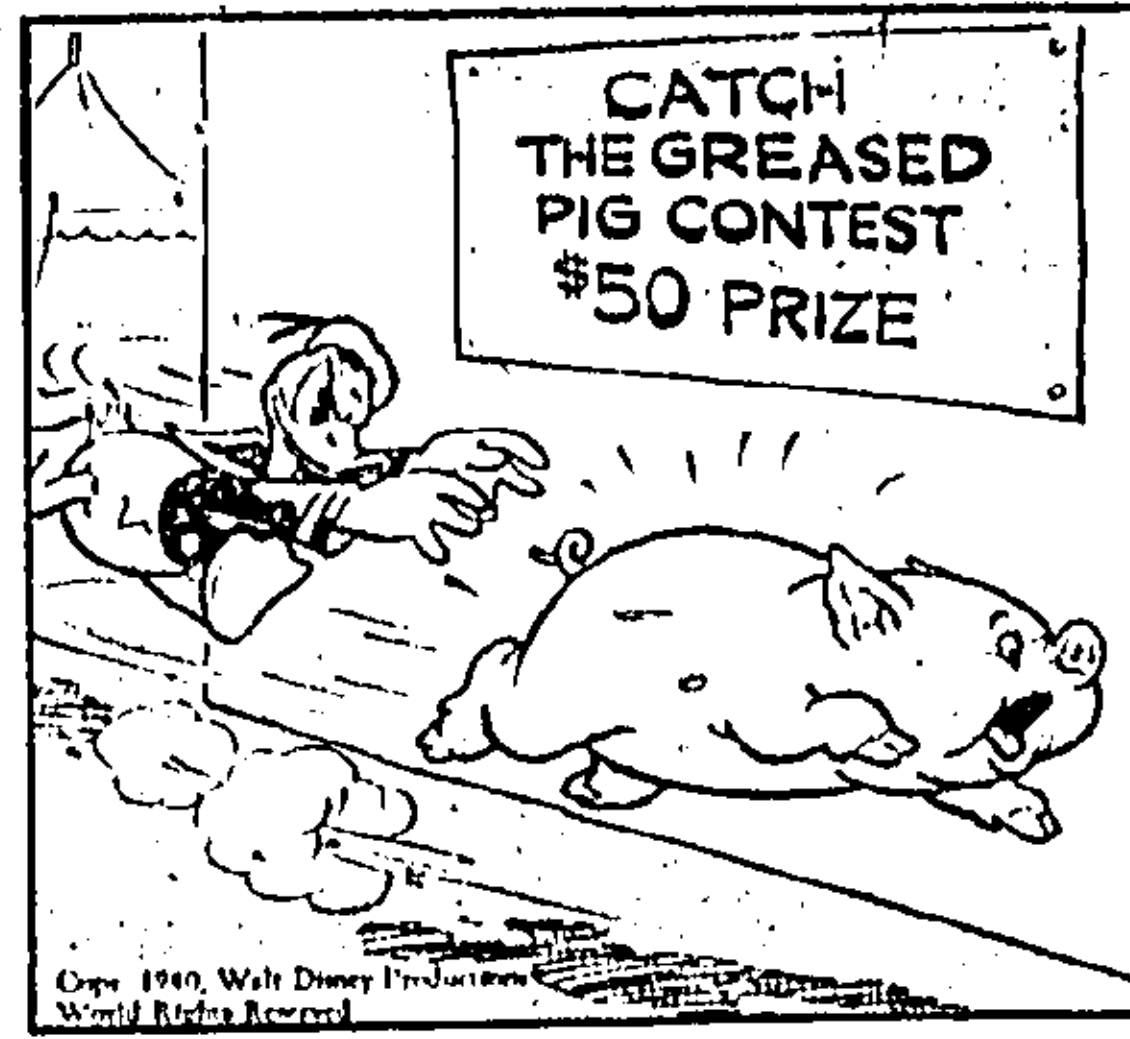
There were at least four cases of destruction in the West End which, the reports indicate, is taking the brunt of the assault.

High explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in many quarters of the British capital and its suburbs.

The raiders dropped sticks of carbide bombs on central London illuminating the area for miles around. The raiders are said to have

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MAGAZINE PAGE

CONSIDER THE TWO BLOCKADES

By F. Kingdon Ward
The Scientist And Explorer

JAPAN is blockading China in the East as Great Britain is blockading Europe in the West. That is a very significant fact.

It means that the Eurasian continent is shut off from the world on three sides. Europe being geographically no more than the north-western peninsula of Asia.

The Polar Sea keeps the fourth side closed for six or eight months in the year. Thus Great Britain and Japan are blockading half a hemisphere.

It will be interesting to compare Japan's blockade with Great Britain's, and see how far they resemble one another and wherein they differ, both as regards their incidence and their results.

The Japanese blockade stretches from Shanghai to the Great Wall, where the Great Wall enters the sea, to Haiphong, a distance of 2,000 miles measured along the steamship route down the China coast; the British blockade reaches from the North Cape inside the Arctic Circle round the Atlantic coast of Europe and through the Mediterranean to Haifa, a distance of 5,000 miles. Thus both navies have a formidable length of coastline to watch.

Asia To Europe

Beyond that stark fact, there is no possible comparison; the task of the mightier British navy is incomparably more difficult.

It is not merely that the European coast is far more complicated and hazardous than the China coast, it is not that Dictator Europe has a navy of sorts, whereas China has none, and cannot build one because she has not a single seaport; but Japan has large armies operating on the China coast and mainland. There is no point where a ship could discharge cargo with the hope of reaching the Chinese armies in the interior.

There are a dozen overland routes from Asia into Europe over which Great Britain has no control—through Murmansk, or via the Trans-Siberian railway, or the Turk-Sib railway and the Caspian Sea, and others. But as soon as Japan had, by diplomatic pressure, stopped the passage of arms to China by the French railway from Haiphong, and similarly closed the Burma Road, she had almost completely cut off China's land communications with the outside world.

Although there are several overland routes into China from the south and west—one runs eastwards from Mandalay to Kengtung for example—on the Chinese side of the frontier they are too primitive to be of use because communications inside China have only of late years been developed beyond the horse-and-cart stage. One possible motor road remains open, that through Russian Central Asia into north-west China.

China's Resources

While Britain does not control the overland routes into Europe

from the East, she has a splendid ally in the great desert and mountain ranges which stretch across the continent, cutting off the tropical lands and preventing tropical produce from reaching Central Asia.

Moreover, British sea power makes itself felt in the east, at Singapore, so that in effect there is at present only one land route available to Europe, and that the longest of them all, the Trans-Siberian route, from Vladivostok. That is the only route by which the raw materials of the Far East can reach Germany.

China is an infinitely diversified country. She can produce all the food she requires, and need not import any. She can never starve her into submission. Europe, on the other hand, is a highly industrialised region and must import a considerable proportion of its food.

China needs munitions, machinery, motor transport, and petroleum. Germany, too, needs petroleum, but after that her chief requirements are food (cereals), fodder, rubbers, fats, vegetable oils, and certain minerals, such as nickel, tin, copper and ferro-alloys. Most of these China could supply.

Problem Of Oil

Oil is vitally necessary to both blockaded countries. Europe, of course, imports the bulk of its oil by sea, and Germany is now reduced to what she can get from Rumania and Russia, what she can manufacture, and her stored reserve.

China has no oil store does not manufacture oil and cannot import it from overseas. But China has one advantage denied to Germany, oil is found in China itself, although the amount at present available represents only a fraction of what is needed.

Just as Germany can get oil from Rumania, so can China get oil from Burma. Doubtless a profitable oil smuggling organisation will spring up, once over the frontier, oil can be carried by mule to the motor road.

If we compare the areas under blockade, we find that Europe, including Russia, has an area of, in round numbers, 1,010,000 square miles, about half of which (503,459 square miles) is enemy territory. However, for blockade purposes, all Europe is under control.

China proper, comprising the 18 provinces, has an area of just under 4,300,000 square miles, of which about a quarter is already occupied by Japan. While the blockade of this huge territory is as thorough as the blockade of Europe, its effects are less felt in proportion, as China is less delicately organised.

China, it is true, cannot build a ship or launch a ship. She is even more tied to the continent than is Nazi Germany, with infinitely inferior overland communications, internal and external. Nevertheless, it must not be forgotten that the land frontier open in her rear is three times as long as the European land frontier open to Germany.

Closed Burma Road

The immediate situation for China is critical. The closing of the Burma Road marks the last move in the total blockade by Japan. Though it is now the closing season for dirt roads within the monsoon belt, there is a real danger that it has been closed for the duration. The moral effect is bound to react unfavourably on up-keep, so that by the end of the rains, in November, a deterioration will have set in.

Neither China nor Japan shows the least inclination to make peace; and it will be an awkward moment when Britain is asked to reopen the road. On the other hand,

if the situation in Europe has improved that will ease the tension in the Far East.

There has always been a possibility of China looking elsewhere even to Russia for that help which Britain is at the moment unable to give her.

The only other possibility was the United States, who has been supplying Japan with nearly three-quarters of her war materials, on a cash and carry basis. From the moment that Britain closed the Burma Road a new situation was created with Germany a claimant for the place of the United States.

Consider the position. A steel line of ships is blockading the continent from Narvik to Vladivostok. In the face of this pressure, an internal resistance has been set up. Asia is hollow, and nature abhors a vacuum.

Already China is looking westwards as Germany is looking eastwards towards Central Asia. They are reaching out to one another, from stern motives of self-preservation, however little they approve of one another morally.

And there, spreading across the northern horizon from sea to sea, lies the great bulk of Russia, the life-line between Europe and the Orient.

Precious As Exports

The success of the British blockade turns chiefly on the stoppage of oil, of certain ores, and of all tropical raw materials reaching Europe. Much of this last is grown in unoccupied China, where a great variety of economic products such as soy, bean, groundnuts, tung oil and many fibres such as cotton, jute and ramie have long been cultivated. 80 per cent of the world's autonomy comes from China and, unlike Germany, she produces a great variety of other ores. No amount of blockade can deny her these.

Industrial China, including the coal and iron districts of the north, and the great factory centres of Shanghai, Canton and Hankow, is an enemy land.

This includes practically the entire network of railways and the northern rice plain between the Yangtze and Yellow rivers. Still more significant is the fact that Indochina could supply those raw materials of which Germany is most in need, especially rice, cotton, rubber, tung, tin, and wolfram. These also might reach Germany overland via China and Russia.

A working alliance between Germany and China as a result of the Continental Blockade is logical but difficult to achieve physically because of the great distances to be covered, in regions scantily populated; politically because Russia is the linchpin of any mutual assistance pact.

Russian and Chinese interests conflict in Central Asia. Russian and German interests in south-east Europe. In any event the strengthening of the trans-Continental routes will take time, perhaps a generation, and the need is pressing. That is why Hitler has been urging his claims in tropical Africa, which is much nearer and might be expected to supply him until Asia is ready.

China And The Axis

The final outcome of the blockade must be to speed-up in every way trans-Continental communications by land and air, and to drive agriculturally rich China into the arms of industrially organised Europe, with Russia as liaison.

This is what is happening in Asia now. China is being drawn as by a magnet towards the Axis. Nor would this paradoxical result make for improved relations between London and Tokyo. Taking the short view, Great Britain, with her hands full in the west, had to close the Burma Road or suffer certain obvious consequences. Taking the long view, it was a profound mistake, for little worth; nor is it too late to make amends to a valiant country fighting for freedom.

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



Dover is Mastering the Enemy's Tricks

By L. D. HUNTER

TO those of us who knew the Straits of Dover during our last period of disagreement with Germany the first months of this war presented a strange contrast.

From the early days of the 1914-18 campaign we had been confronted with a German penetration to the coast, with Newport-Bains, some 20 miles, N.E. of the sorely-tried town of Dunkirk as the high-water mark of the enemy's advance. Dover sea forces were thus early reconciled to the permanent presence of the enemy within a few miles of their gates, and took action accordingly.

Almost daily contact with shore batteries and surface ships was the order of those days, in addition to the operations necessary for the blocking of the Straits against enemy submarines. Although the air menace in all its modern aspects confronted Dover from the beginning of the present war, this last duty—prevention of submarine activity—was the principal pre-occupation of the Command there during the winter of 1939 and the spring of 1940.

News of surface craft likely to menace the Dover area only began to come through during the weeks preceding the invasion of Holland and Belgium.

Indeed, if reports are to be believed, even to-day the surface forces of the enemy are for the most part conspicuous by their absence even since the Continental shores of the Channel were laid open to them, and would seem to have been principally used for the hit-and-run operations of motor torpedo-boats.

Not that such activities are in any way to be despised, nor are they easy to counteract. But we have heard of none of the spectacular destroyer combats with which Dover was so much associated in the last war. An occasional submarine hunt, ending in a kill, was the only event of moment during the first seven or eight months of the war; if we except the epic of the evacuations.

Since May, however, there have been factors which have changed all that. Not only is the enemy once more upon the door-step, but almost has entered the hall; at least he has created the impression of a desire to mount the stairs.

Under the constant menace of the air from bases brought unpleasantly close, and even—if the experts are to be believed—of long-range bombardment from the German-occupied coasts across the street, in support of unwelcome callers, Dover has had to readjust its outlook on life in general in a manner which seems almost unbelievable to veterans of the last war.

Barbed wire entanglements, interspersed with pill-boxes and other precautions for the disillusionment of the enemy lie athwart our usual promenade, and the daily life of naval and military organisations has had to adapt itself to the stern requirements of the sirens' frequent wailing.

The problem is being met, of course, by provision of offices underground, where it is possible for the machinery to function regardless of whistle-blowing, sirens and gunfire. Underground, therefore, has coily retired the army of "black-coated workers" necessary to the servicing of a modern garrison and naval base—and even some of the militant ranks retire thither likewise in the intervals of their above-ground activities. Opposition had to be encountered from some die-hards, and also from the high officers of the women's services, jealous for the well-being of their charges thus condemned to something like troglodyte existences, though it is acknowledged that means must be found for essential work to be continued.



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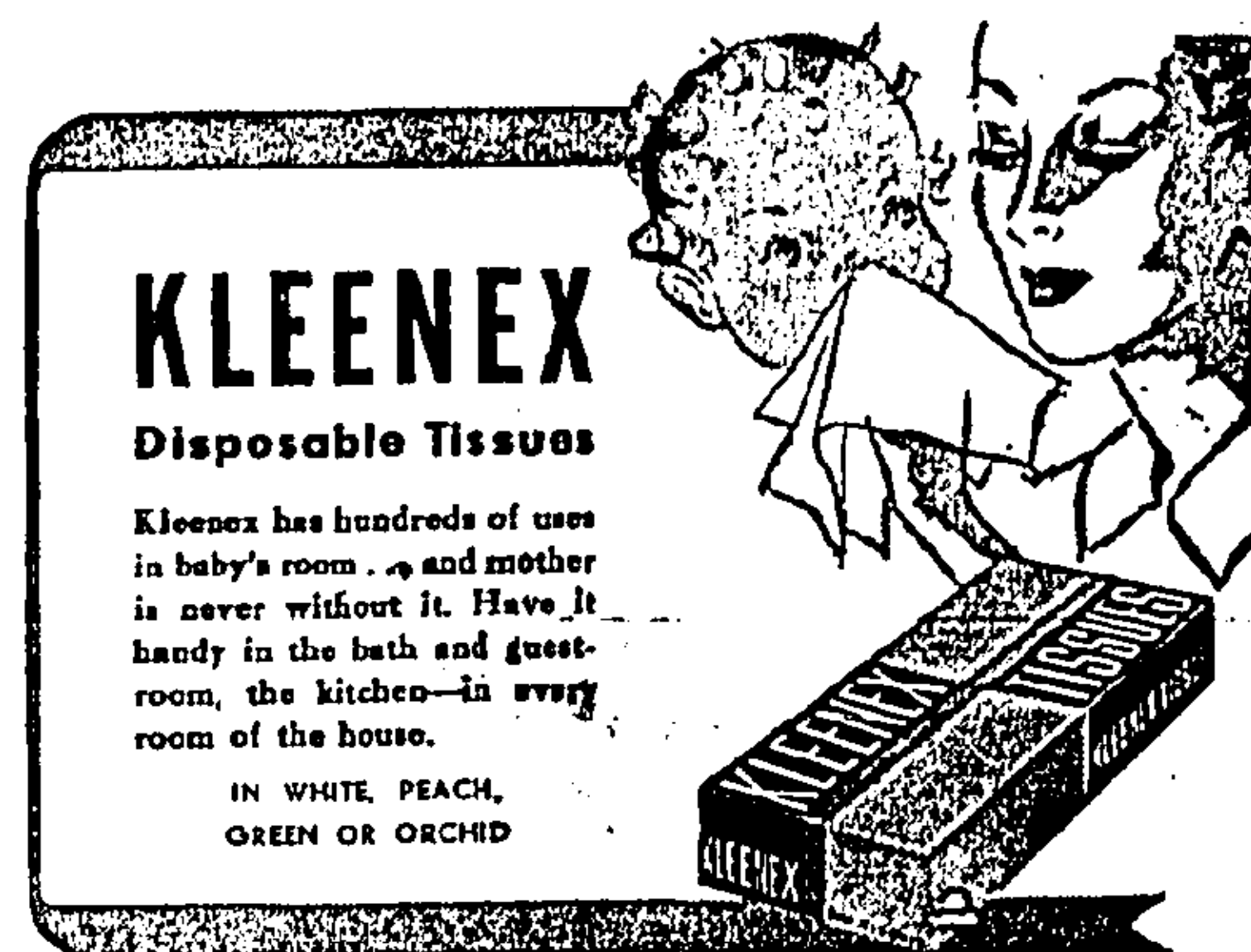
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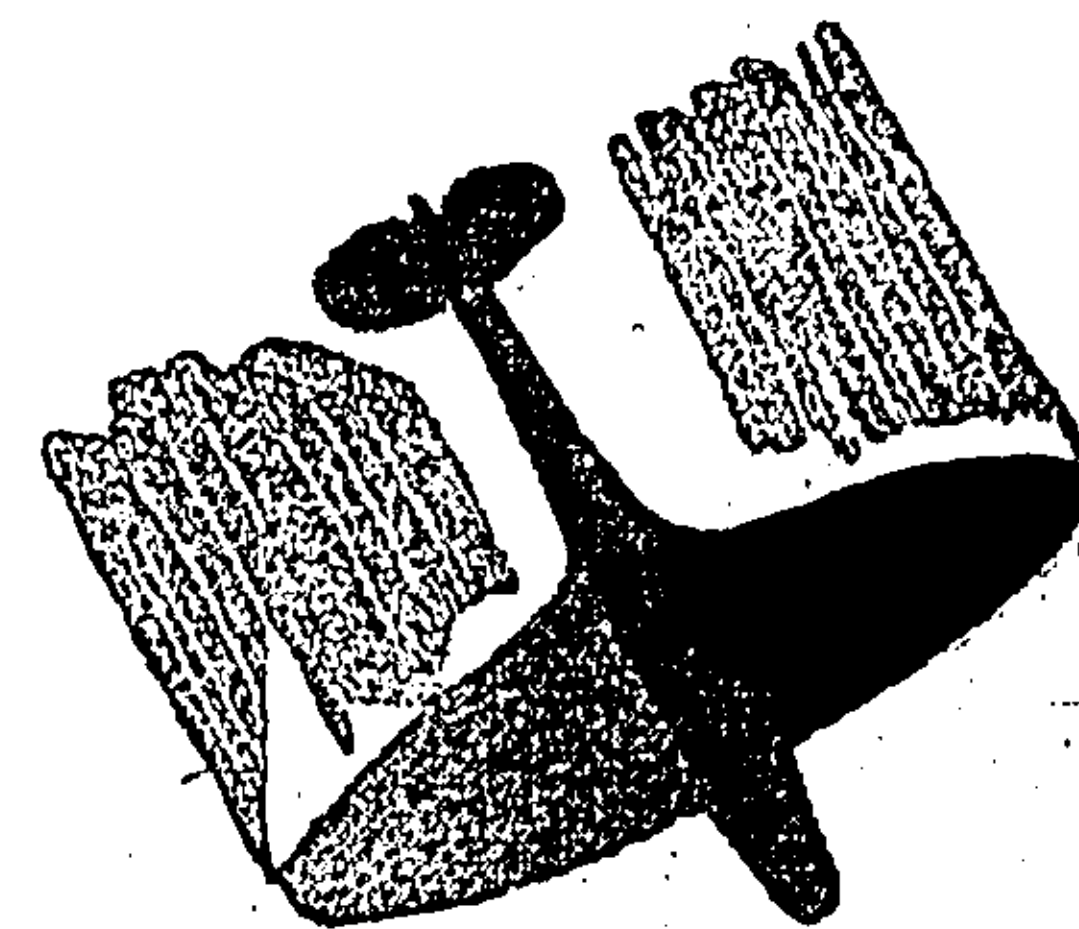
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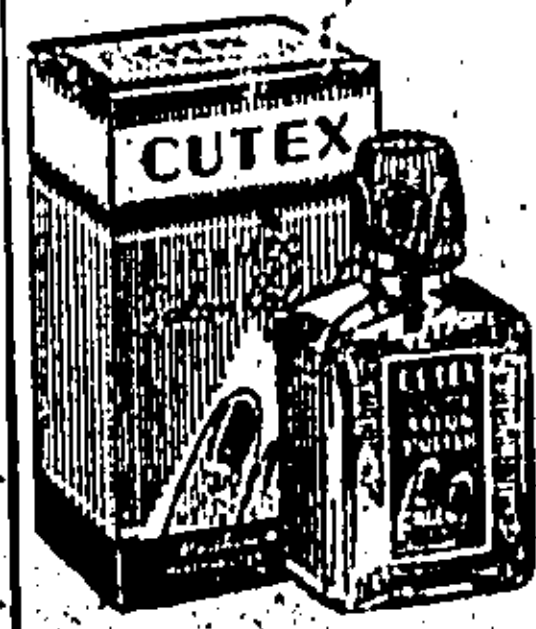
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The Free Press

In a survey of the modern Press, Mr. Wickham Steed, a former editor of The Times, London, describes journalism as something more than a craft and different from an industry. In his view it is a vocation, which is at once an art and an industry. It is a trusteeship, not unlike that which is held by physicians; with this difference, however, that while a dishonest doctor can harm at worst only a few dozen or a few score patients, a dishonest journalist may poison the minds of hundreds of thousands of his fellow-men. The moral responsibility of the Press is thus akin to that of ministers of religion, statesmen, and the leaders of public thought.

There are important considerations in view of the fact that what appears in the news and editorial columns of the daily press constitutes so much, perhaps the greater part, of the reading of the people at large. One of the practical problems of the Press is to decide upon the length of editorial articles, preferred by the average reader. Mr. Steed is quite sure that newspaper readers do not now possess the powers of sustained attention that they possessed before the Great War. Newspaper articles are now, as a general thing, shorter than they used to be, and this, it is said, is at least partly due to the fact that when people have undergone a long period of strain they are apt to be impatient with any statement that they cannot take in almost at a glance.

Nevertheless, it is tolerably clear that the continual use of short disjointed sentences in an ill-constructed paragraph containing mere slogans and brief ex cathedra utterances, while it may suit people in regimented countries who feel themselves incapable of thinking things out for themselves, does not satisfy thoughtful men in free countries. There are no shortcuts to the formation of sound opinions. Of course, short and pithy articles have their place, but there is something to be said for the easier and more leisurely style.

In point of fact, a severely condensed article may make greater demands on the attention than a longer one. Anyone who wishes to do so may make an interesting experiment. Let him take an essay of Bacon containing say 350 words, read it once, and then try to give the substance of it in his own words.

Mr. Steed has something to say upon the subject of broadcasting, and what he says is the more interesting in that he is a broadcaster as well as a journalist. He says that broadcasting has a wider appeal than the Press, because the newspaper public is a reflective public, whereas a broadcaster may speak to literate and illiterate alike. Tennyson said, however, that things seen are mightier than things heard, and most people are more impressed by the printed word, which remains, than by the spoken word, which flies. They like to see the news in actual print. They want to take it in more fully and think it over. Perhaps that is one reason why we are so regularly reminded that "Further details will be found in your local newspaper."

my son, my son!

I CAN see now in all its details, as clearly as though I had left it but yesterday, the dingy little furnished room in the drab Manchester street which Dermot O'Riordan and I had shared for so many of our youthful years.

I can see the two iron beds in the corner, the two cheap chairs and the broken-down bureau before whose distorted mirror Dermot was shaving in preparation for the most momentous event in his life.

"Bad cess to it!" cried Dermot. "I would cut meself to-day of all days! Hand me a piece of paper, Will."

Without rising from my trunk-packing, I reached over to the table, pulling off the top sheet from a stack of hand-written pages, and passed it to him.

"I can't use this, man!" said Dermot. "It's the story you're writing." His puckish, snubbed nose poked forward inquiringly at me as always when he was excited.

"Use it," I said curtly. "That's all it's good for."

"Ah, there ye go now. Letting old man discouragement ride on your shoulder! You've got talent and imagination and heart! Why, man, the whole world is open for you to write about! I've no patience with a man who has no faith in himself, Will Essex."

"It's easy for you to talk, Dermot," I replied. "You want to be the finest cabinet-maker in England. Meanwhile you work in wood. . . you can see what you're accomplishing—and you get paid for what you do. I want to be a writer—but no one will pay me to write. I have to take any old job I can find that gives me a bare living and a chance to write on the side. . . Anyway, there you are—all packed and ready to go off and claim your bride!"

Dermot glanced up at the wall. "All packed! It's a fine packer you are, leavin' my picture of Brian Boru himself hangin' on the wall!" He stepped over and stood in front of the old Irish king's picture, addressing it. "It's humiliated enough I am that. You've had to repose in this mildewed boardin' house . . . and you the greatest of the Irish Kings! Will if I ever have a son I'll give him back to Ireland—to live the life I missed!"

"If I ever have a son," I countered, "I'll give him out of a slum like this—out of a life like this."

When Dermot was at last shaved and dressed in his meagre best, and the drayman had removed his few effects for the trip to Liverpool where his Sheila lived, we shook hands warmly.

"I'll be seeing you as soon as I bring Sheila back," said Dermot. "Mind you, find yourself a good place to live."

"I'll have to be a cheap one until I get a job. But I'll be all right."

"Sure and you'll be all right. Both of us will be all right." He struck an attitude. "Remember the lad with the banner. Excelsior!"

"Onward and upward!" I responded.

"Me and my hands—you with your head! Goodbye, Will."

"Goodbye, Dermot."

I find myself wandering through Shelley Street, a meaner street even than the one in which Dermot and I lived. The janitress at Number 28 eyed me with open hostility.

"You'll find no cheaper lodgings around ere, Mister, but you can look elsewhere for all I care."

"A family I knew used to live here a dozen years ago. Name of Essex."

"Never 'eard of 'em."

A strange sadness came over me. "My mother moved to this house the day she was married," I muttered. "She had nine children in it. She buried five from it. She died in it herself. And you never heard of her!"

I moved slowly along to the corner. There was Moscrop's bakery, with its fly-blown window full of breads and cakes. Nothing was changed here; but inside through the open door I could see Mr. Moscrop, now grown old and very fat, and a rather pretty, very prim-looking young girl who must be his daughter Nellie.

With them was a husky, rough-looking youth talking volubly, evidently engaged in some sort of altercation with old man Moscrop. I could hear his tirade, interspersed with crude billingsgate.

"Wot if I am short in my collection! How much do yer pay for drivin' yer blasted van, anyway? I don't like yer bloomin' job, an' I'm chuckin' it this very minute!"

Old Moscrop, his asthma plainly grown worse with the years and now aggravated by excitement, sat in his chair puffing and wheezing, unable to speak. Nellie had clasped her hands over her ears to shut out the driver's vile language. The youth seized her arms roughly.

"Dainty, ain't yer? Dainty and religious! Yer don't like my language, do yer?" He flung down her arms and turned to the door as I stepped into the shop.

Face to face, now, we recognised each other. It was Tim Higgins, the neighbourhood bully when I had



to Nellie, who had refused to accompany me to the O'Riordans because it was Chapel night.

Sitting up in bed in her high-necked, long-sleeved nightgown and two braids of hair lying along her back, she must have been stirred by my excited awe at the thought of Dermot's having a son. She smiled a little shyly, looking down at the bedclothes.

"I didn't mean to tell you so soon, Will . . . but you needn't envy Dermot. Not for long."

Overcome with joy, I determined then and there that my son (and I never doubted it would be a son) should be born away from the slum in which his parents had been reared.

I would sell the bakery, move to the seaside, make my living by the writing books and more books—I would work my fingers to the bone so that my son might be reared in decent, clean, respectable surroundings and have every advantage that poverty had denied me in my childhood.

After the bitter exhaustion of my early youthful struggles to write an acceptable novel, the composition of more books came comparatively easy to me.

My maiden book sold few copies but won me a respectful reception at the hands of the critics. My second did only a little better for me pecuniarily, but established me more solidly in literary circles as a young author who stood on the threshold of fulfilling marked promise.

And when my third book was published, it even became evident that I had at last hit the mark—that this effort was being taken to the bosom both of the critics and of the reading public.

We sold "The Benches," the little tree-bordered suburban house where Oliver was born, and in partnership with Dermot and Sheila we purchased "Heronwater," a good-sized estate perched high on a rocky cliff overlooking a sandy cove in Cornwall. Oliver was now eight, just a few months younger than Dermot, the little girl, Maevie, whom Sheila had born to her husband.

Nellie and I had frequent little encounters over the rearing of our son. Her leaning was all toward the firm but just hand, the prim correctness, tinged with devoutness, that had been the keynote of her upbringing.

My ceaseless delight in the child, my joy in the mere fact that I had a son for whom I planned every happiness I myself had missed in my childhood and youth—these were things beyond her ken or without the orbit of her sympathies. And she noted (though she said little about it) the thousand little ways in which I spoiled the lad.

One evening, while I was putting Oliver to bed, Rory burst into the room, towing his father by the hand. Over Dermot's laughing protests, the boy insisted upon recovering from Oliver a book he had lent him—"The Irish Kings."

"Oh, Rory," protested Oliver, "you're always losing things. You know I haven't got your book."

But Rory insisted with a simple earnestness that could not be denied. Finally I suggested that we look around for it. I ran my eye quickly over the books on Oliver's shelves, until I espied one that looked unfamiliar. It bore a paper cover on which a childish hand had lettered the title, "Adventures."

Opening the book out of curiosity, I discovered that it was Rory's "Irish Kings." Surprised and disturbed at Oliver's subterfuge, I nevertheless said nothing immediately, but returned the book to the shelf and permitted the search to end in failure.

But after Dermot and Rory gave up and left the room, I hurriedly

slipped off the paper cover, stowed the book under a seat cushion, called them back, and pretended to find it there on a last sudden chance.

As they withdrew again, the boy clutching his book happily, Nellie came into the room. I confronted Oliver sternly.

"Oliver, why did you steal Rory's book?"

"Steal it? But I didn't steal it!"

"It was in the bookcase. You must have put it there. And you said that Rory had taken it away with him. Wasn't that a lie?"

"Yes, it was a lie. And I know I shouldn't have told it. But I didn't steal the book."

"If that isn't stealing," I said, becoming almost angry at him for the first time in my life, "what do you call it?"

Oliver explained patiently, with disarming candor. "Don't you see? I took it because it was Rory's. I love Rory, and I wanted to have something belonging to him—something that he loved. You believe me don't you, father?"

With a vast sign of relief I put my arm about him. "Yes, I believe you, Oliver."

During all this Nellie listened silently. But when Oliver went off to the bathroom to wash his face, she turned to me grimly.

"What are you going to do about this?"

"Why, there's nothing to do. It's all settled."

"Whether I'm anything to you or not. I'm the child's mother. Do you think it doesn't matter to me that he's growing up a cheat and a liar?"

"Oh, it's not that bad," I said. "Oliver got his sense of right and wrong a bit muddled. Natural for a child—but these things are easily straightened out with understanding and love."

"I'm not blinded by what you call love," she interrupted. "Bringing up a child to think he can do what he likes! I think Oliver should be thrashed for what he has done."

"I don't," I replied quietly. "And if you have no other suggestion, I may as well go. I left the room and started down the hall to my own room, realising only now how much the incident had shaken me."

As I stood staring out of a window, a series of sharp, agonised cries came from Oliver's room. "No! No! Don't! Don't!"

I dashed back into the room and seized from Nellie's hand the cane with which she was punishing the child. As I wrenched it from her grasp the boy suddenly turned upon me face with all his strength, crying "Don't hit my mother!"

Although the blow was a puny one, I staggered back as though I had been dealt a mortal injury. Astonishment, grief, anger crowded one another in my confused thoughts. That he should take Nellie's side against me—against his father who had been both mother and father and good fairy to him—was something I could not grasp. Oliver and I stood facing each other for a moment, then I turned and walked blindly out of the room.

Nellie joined me a little while later.

"I'm sorry for—for what happened," she said, her voice shaking a little; "but I had to do and say what I believe to be right."

"I know—I know. The best thing for all of us now is to try and forget it."

"No. We've got to have an understanding about Oliver. You've always made his upbringing your business. It's always your son—your son!"

"Nellie," I said slowly, "why did you ever marry me?" I continued as she looked at me, bewildered and anguished in her eyes. "We're miles apart on everything—on where we are to live, on how to bring up our child—everything! I don't mind for myself—but I mind for Oliver."

"Oh, Oliver!" she cried almost fiercely. "That's the root of it! Everything for Oliver! Everything!"

"Why not?" I said slowly. "What else has our marriage brought me?"

For a moment we stood looking at each other, the well between us rent. Then Nellie turned and hurried from the room.

(To be continued)

BRITISH GUNS POUNDING DAKAR WHILE DE GAULLE TRIES TO LAND

Special to the "Telegraph"

The British Naval action at Dakar is still in progress according to latest advices, carefully worded communiques indicating that after General de Gaulle's unsuccessful attempt last Monday to take the colony without bloodshed, the British forces swung into action.

One London announcement says that General de Gaulle withdrew his forces some distance, and it is believed that while the British are now fighting, General de Gaulle is working through his sympathisers inside Dakar to overthrow the Vichy authorities.

General de Gaulle himself yesterday issued a statement that the operations at Dakar were continuing and there was every reason to believe they would end successfully.

He explained: "The operations were decided upon to prevent French West Africa from falling into German hands."

He added that there had been infiltrations of German and Italian officers at Dakar during July and August.

The Vichy Government yesterday announced that the French submarine *Perce* had been sunk while moving forward to attack a British cruiser at Dakar.

It is claimed that the cruiser was hit and that most of the submarine's crew were saved.

Six Attempts To Land
Vichy declared that the British forces made six attempts to land under the command of General de Gaulle, four were made at Rufisque and two further to the south-east of Dakar.

Shelling of Dakar by British warships continued throughout the day after the Dakar authorities had rejected an ultimatum delivered at 1.20 a.m. and due to expire at 8 a.m.

"The Battle Continues"
According to the Vichy statement the ultimatum was rejected by the British Commander but it is his obligation to attack and occupy the city with troops.

The Governor of Dakar is reported to have replied: "France has confidence in Dakar and me. I will defend Dakar to the end."

The communiqué then inconclusively concludes: "The battle continues."

It appears that when General de Gaulle first attempted to land he used unarmed men flying the French

colours and a white flag; they were fired upon by the Dakar navy and several men were killed.

General de Gaulle then withdrew his troops because he said he did not want fighting to break out among Frenchmen.

Gibraltar Raided
The report that Gibraltar was attacked by French planes in retaliation for the action at Dakar appears to be substantiated by a message from Lallina which says that 30 French planes, apparently using bases in French Morocco, bombed Gibraltar at intervals of ten minutes for an hour and a half.

It is believed that gasoline depots were among the objectives and dense smoke was seen rising from Gibraltar.

Anti-aircraft guns were in action continuously from 12.40 p.m. to 2.05 p.m.

The French raiders are reported to have dropped bombs at Pointeurope.

According to witnesses this was the heaviest raid yet made on Gibraltar and surpassed the intensity of the Italian attacks.

"United Press" and "Dome" Messages
Fighting in progress at 4 p.m.

A later "United Press" message says that according to General de Gaulle's headquarters the operations at Dakar were still in progress at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, but that no details were available.

"Reuter" says that a despatch from Algiers to the General says that there is no confirmation of reports that French aircraft bombed Gibraltar.

Algiers reports that a reconnaissance plane was sighted over Gibraltar in the evening.

DISEASE IN SHELTERS

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Owing partly to the danger of bombing and partly to the danger of infectious disease if much time is spent in deep underground shelters, the evacuation of mothers with children of any age is being organised from some hard-pressed areas in London.

Those wishing to go can register and Government will make arrangements to take them to the country.

Some 428,000 children of school age remain in the London County Council, Greater London, Thames-side and Medway towns, and 464,000 have been evacuated.

OFFICIAL VERSION

Why Attack Was Launched

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—General Charles de Gaulle decided to invade Dakar following German and Italian infiltration and assumption of control there, states a communiqué issued at the General Headquarters of the Free French forces.

Attacking forces were composed of military naval and aerial units. The French troops were escorted by battleships of the Free French Navy.

British naval forces were present only to assure supplementary protection against any attack carried out with German participation.

Dakar Responsible
Dakar authorities were the first to assume the responsibility of opening hostilities against the French.

Several members of the crew were killed and a large number wounded.

Desiring to avoid a fight between Frenchmen, General de Gaulle removed his forces to a distance.

The Dakar authorities have not ceased firing on the French forces and British ships since the start of operations.

No Invasion Attempt Yet

Doubts on Reported German Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—London casts doubts on the report that between fifty and sixty thousand Germans were lost during embarkation exercises in the English Channel recently.

However, says "United Press," there is no doubt that a considerable number of fully-armed Nazi troops were lost when the Royal Air Force carried out surprise bombing attacks on embarkation barges.

The masses of barges concentrated in French ports provided too good a target to miss.

Gale Plays Havoc
The Germans were also embarrassed because they had to anchor offshore where a heavy westerly gale played havoc with the craft, which are constructed for calm water only.

Informed London quarters also strongly deny that any attempt at invasion has yet been made.

They explained that the bodies of fully-equipped German soldiers, which are reported to have been washed up along the British coast, probably came from the wrecks of sunken transports which recently fell victims to a British submarine.

Gas Works Explosion
At Danzigerstrasse gas works, the bombing caused a violent explosion, followed by sheets of flame. The explosions were seen 23 miles away and wrecked parts of the Neuklin gas works.

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Reports from all sources show that Monday night's raid by the R.A.F. on Berlin was the biggest and one of the most successful yet carried out against the German capital.

More planes than ever before were sent over. Some squadrons were visiting Berlin for the first time.

They Wait For The Invader

Jersey men who fled from their homes when the Germans occupied the Channel Islands will fly no longer. They have joined up in Britain, are here seen training with Lewis gun.



Claim Consular Office Was Searched

Japanese Protest On Singapore Arrests

—Safe Unsealed

TOKYO, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Inviting the British Ambassador to the Foreign Office, the Foreign Vice-Minister, Mr. Ohashi, filed a vigorous protest against the Singapore case in which six Japanese, including Mamoru Shinozaki, an employee of the Japanese Consulate-General, were arrested on September 22.

He stressed the untoward action of searching Shinozaki's office and sealing the safe, according to a Japanese report.

Requesting reconsideration, Mr. Ohashi demanded an immediate improvement in the situation arising from the arrest of Japanese residents in Singapore.

An official report from the Japanese Consul-General reveals that he called on the civil administrator at Singapore on September 22 and filed a strong protest against the British action.

Searched By Mistake
To this the administrator is said to have explained that the search of Shinozaki's office was carried out by mistake. The office was thought to be his private room.

The protest results in the removal of the seal from Shinozaki's safe, the Japanese report adds.

Terrific Night Raids By R.A.F. on Berlin

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—British bombing on Berlin last night continued on an average of about 4½ minute intervals for several hours.

This is revealed by the Air Ministry news service, which states that the heaviest attacks fell upon pre-determined targets, which included railway yards near Potsdam and the Klingenberg power stations.

Severe fires were started at all points.

One aircraft reported eight explosions in railway sidings followed by a very large fire in railway buildings.

Another aircraft started a large fire at a power station.

At Klingenberg a considerable fire was already burning when one aircraft arrived and lit the target for further missiles.

Aerodrome Attacked
Returning from this area, one pilot flew low over Schiphol aerodrome and machine-gunned the searchlights.

Five big fires at Moabit enabled the target to be identified by the succeeding bombers. Explosive material blew up in a series of vivid flashes.

The Moabit fires were visible 80 miles away.

Four big fires were started at Charlottenburg power station and the Wilmersdorf power station was left ablaze.

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German Claims
Germany claims to have bombed Cambridge in retaliation for the British raids on the university city of Heidelberg, says a "Dome" message from Berlin.

The Nazis also claim that their bombers started fires at Millwall, the India Dock, Vauxhall, Hyde Park and other places.

Referring to the British bombing of Berlin, officials declare that only tenement houses were hit, several people being killed and injured.

Shipping Company Fined \$100 Failure To Submit Passenger List

—French Arrivals

A fine of \$100 was imposed on the manager of the Messageries Maritimes Steamship Co., Queen's Building, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning for failing to return a passenger list of non-Chinese passengers of the *Laos*, which arrived here on September 12.

Mr. P. Wynter-Blyth, appearing for the defendant, pleaded guilty, and said that his clients were fully aware of the importance of the Ordinance under which the summons was taken out. He was sorry for what had happened and pleaded an unfortunate combination of circumstances.

Mr. Wynter-Blyth said his clients were the agents for the owners of the ship. The ship employed a Chinese whose duties were to prepare a list of the passengers and to tender it to the Water Police when they board the vessel.

Once In 20 Years
On the date of the arrival of the ship, the man in charge of the Passenger Department was on Volunteer

duties, and on his return he did not hear anything about the list nor did he know that Europeans had arrived by that ship.

Mr. Wynter-Blyth said he was instructed by his clients to offer them profound regrets. Only once in 20 years had they failed to forward a passenger list to the Police.

Sergeant J. Headridge, of the Special Branch, said the ship arrived on September 12 but his Department did not receive the ship's list.

French Arrivals
Two days later a Frenchman reported his arrival to the Department, and through him, it was learned that three other Frenchmen had arrived by the same ship.

A representative of the Company was sent for and asked why the list had not been sent in. In the afternoon the list was forwarded to the Police.

British Pilots Carry Out Raids on Reich

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—R.A.F. bombers were again active over Germany and German-occupied territory last night.

In addition to strong forces of the R.A.F. detailed to bomb objectives in the Berlin area and enemy-occupied Channel ports, other forces of our bombers attacked the aircraft works at Hamburg, Cuxhaven, Bremerhaven, Bremen and Hanover, goods yards at Munster and Hannover, railway communications in north Germany and several enemy aerodromes.

Yesterday an aircraft of the Coastal Command shot down an enemy bomber into the sea.

Latest Air Mail Situation

Owing to the present uncertain conditions in Indo-China, an outward service by Imperial Airways failed to leave Kai Tak for Bangkok this morning. There was no inward service yesterday. It is possible that the plane may leave to-morrow, but nothing definite can be ascertained at the moment.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Firmer Tone Follows Keynes' Broadcast

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day responded to Mr. J. M. Keynes' broadcast last night on the United Kingdom's finances.

After one year of war by a firm tone, particularly among the gilt-edged securities, among which small gains were general.

Industrials were supported from the provinces while Kaifu dividend payers benefited by the late local buying. Other groups were irregular.

Wall Street was firm.

Happy Valley Golf

K. S. Robertson Wins Second Summer Singles

In the final of the Second Summer Singles of the Happy Valley Golf Club, K. S. Robertson, (5) beat C. C. Stark (0) by 4 and 2.

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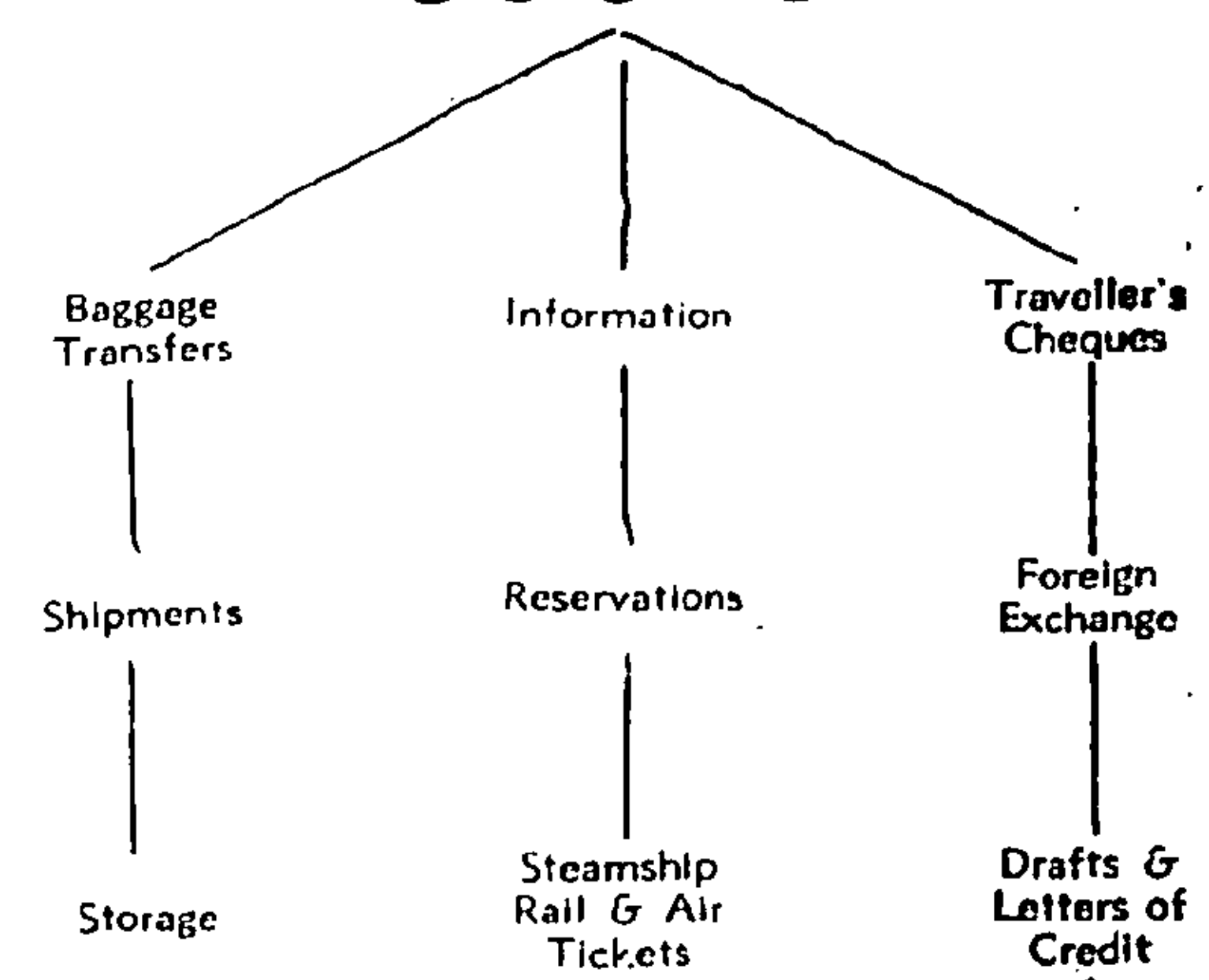
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Government Control Of Civil Building

Licences For New Structures

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Government has decided to control civil building and a scheme of licensing will come into force on October 7.

It is similar to that introduced in the middle of the last war.

The new plan will be operated by the Commissioners of Work and licensing officers have been appointed in each of the 12 regional areas.

It will forbid, with certain exceptions, any private building or construction operation which has not been authorised or licensed.

Operations costing less than £200 will not require a licence.

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Around The Courses

LOCAL CONDITIONS REVERT TO NORMAL

Kowloon G.C. Fairways In Fine Trim: Merits Of Various Holes

(By "Birdie")

AT LONG LAST courses are nearing normal. Water has either evaporated or drained away, and, generally speaking, the ground is none too worse for it. The fairways at Kowloon are in exceptionally fine condition, and, except for the 1st where one is as often as not likely to find the ball plugged, it is really a pleasure to play on them. With reasonable accuracy, one can be sure to find the ball sitting on a bit of "pretty".

Drainage and grass-cutting has worked wonders at the Country Club, Sheungshui, while latest news from the Shek-O Country Club is that the new 18th hole has been opened, and Par for the course has been reduced from 70 to 64.

I went around the newly extended course at Kowloon on Saturday for the first time, and had a very enjoyable afternoon. From hearsay, last week, I mentioned that the Par 34 was a difficult one, and I can now verify the truth of that statement, for the long 3rd, the short 4th, the blind 6th and 7th will ever see to that.

The other holes are as straightforward as the dreadfully crooked mind of any golf course designer could permit.

There was one incident that day that was as refreshing as it was unusual.

We were approaching the 9th green, when from behind us, in a voice that Mary would have envied in her poor efforts to call the crows home across the sands of the sea, there came a scintillating yell.

One of my opponents, who was shaping for a chip, whistled like a startled horse, thinking he was about to play near one else's ball. But it was only a member of another club calling his caddy!

CLUBHOUSE chatter drifted around to the merits of various holes. A Kowloon member gave the palm to the short 4th, which is about 200 yards long.

It is either a No. 2 iron or a spoon shot.

The green nestles snugly within encircling bunkers, and from the tee to the edge of the bunkers is a stretch of rough and long grass.

On the first time round I was lucky enough to get out of the grass and on to the green in 2, but on the second occasion I became weary of doing the work of a lawn mower and picked up.

Full marks to this and the blind 6th and 7th.

The 6th and 7th at Sheungshui are the nearest out there in similarity to these. The 6th is a Par 4, if you stick to the fairway, but the ambitious usually try over the hill that unakes a dog-leg, and as usually go down in 6 or 7. The 7th is very much alike to Kowloon's 4th.

The new 10th at Shek-O, though not yet tried out, offers the most serious problem to golfers there. It is 200 yards, and over a hill, and to be either short or long means playing out of boggy ground.

Swimming Championships

Finals And Finalists For Events To-day

THE FOLLOWING are the finalists for the final events of Colony swimming championships at the V.R.C. this evening, commencing at 6.15 p.m.

Men's 220 yds. Free-style: Ng Nin, Charles Huang, Chun Chan-nam, Mike Wai-ming and Yau Suk-kwan.

Women's 50 yds. Free-style: I. Lopes, V. Churn, Ko Mul-ling, Ho Wai-king and J. Anderson.

Women's 100 yds. Back-stroke: Lee Cheuk-wah, I. Lopes, Sir Wai-yung, D. Weir and Tsang Fung-kwan.

Men's 100 yds. Breast-stroke: Kung Sau-shek, Ng Nin, Ho Poon-kun, Lui M. Remedios and Fong Chung-yu.

Women's 200 yds. Free-style Relay: Chung Sing Benevolent Society, V.R.C. "A" and V.R.C. "B".

Holes like these, however, make golf a great game—if it isn't taken too seriously.

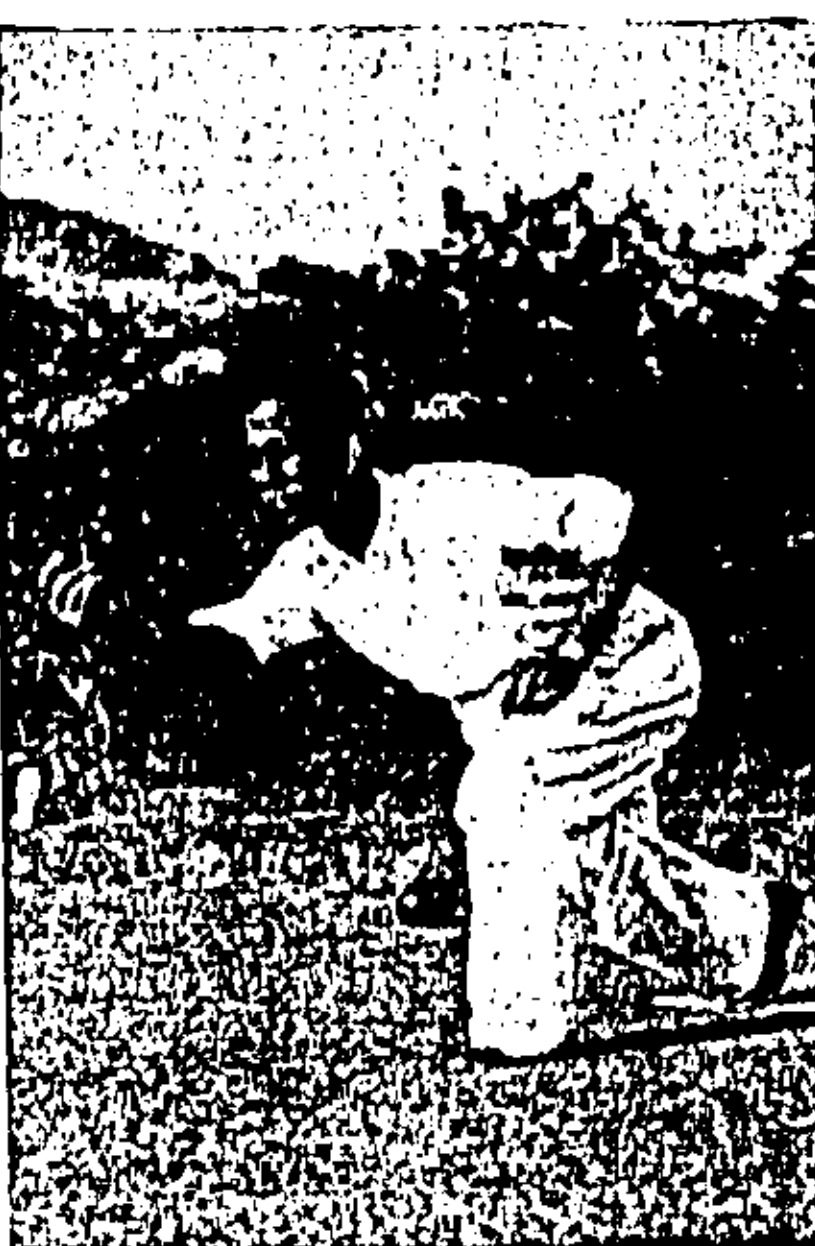
THE championships of Shek-O Country Club will be played over the new 18-hole course on October 6. Seniors and juniors will play together with the new Par in force. Handicaps have remained the same as those for Fanning.

The Championship of the Colony, too, will be held towards the end of next month. The limit of handicaps has been raised from 10 to 12, and already those eligible are practicing hard.

The weather is finally turning more favourable for golf. It is yet just a little too hot around noon, but provided one starts early enough in the morning and at a reasonable hour in the afternoon, it is quite pleasant.



A.P.C. swimmers who will take part in the Inter-Hong gala on Friday practicing at the European Y.M.C.A. pool. Reading left to right: N. S. Spence, P. K. M. Patten, Miss F. Gomez, L. de C. Blechynden, Mrs. Reading left to right: N. S. Spence, P. K. M. Patten, Miss F. Gomez, L. de C. Blechynden, Mrs. L. Shaw, Miss P. Hamblin, Mrs. M. Sterling, J. L. Hsley, G. Thomerson, Miss N. Quinn and Miss S. Baskett.—Ming Yuen.



U. M. OMAR who broke his "jinx" of years in beating J. McKelvie yesterday.—Staff Photographer.

VOLUNTEER AQUATIC MEET ON OCT. 12

In New Army Pool

AT A MEETING yesterday it was decided to revive the annual Volunteer swimming meeting, which will be held in the Army swimming pool, Victoria Barracks, on October 12 at 9.30 p.m.

Those present were Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell (Chairman), Capt. H. A. de B. Buihous (No. 3 Coy.), Lt. A. J. Buihous (Field Ambulance), Sgt. J. B. Bailey (Engineer Coy.), L/Cpl. H. Winglee (No. 3 Coy.), Pte. R. Goldmann (No. 1 Coy.), L/Sgt. A. J. Hussain (3rd. Battery), Bdr. E. W. Ballin (16th Battery), L. A. Soares (No. 6 Coy.).

No prizes will be awarded to individuals, but the Corps Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the team with the most number of points.

The teams are—Corps Artillery (including 5th. Battery); Machine Gun Companies; Portuguese Companies; Mobile Machine Gun; Small Units (to include Engineer Coy. Field Ambulance, Signal Coy., A.S.C. and Pay Section).

PROGRAMME

The programme will comprise the following events: Six-men 220 yards relay; three men 100 yards relay; diving (running plain dive and running jack-knife off low board); running plain dive; running jack-knife and optional dive off high board; four-men 225 yards relay; Officers v. Sergeants 133 1/2 yards relay; Invitation relay open to Army teams (teams of six, 33 1/2 yards each); Nursing Detachment v. Volunteers (100 yards); Water-polo; Volunteers v. Army.

The butterfly breast-stroke will be barred.

The Committee decided on 1,000 tickets at 31 each. The water-polo sub-committee will comprise R. Goldman, H. Winglee and L. A. Soares.

Points will be awarded on a 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, basis.

Pony Classifications

The following are the latest alterations and additions to the Pony Classification lists dated May 28, 1940: Australian ponies—Victory to A. Class; Income Tax to B. Class; A Green Time to C. Class. China ponies—Resisting Time to B. Class.

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Bowls Singles U. M. Omar Breaks His Jinx

Triumph Over McKelvie 21-14 At Recreio

(By "Tinker")

IN DEFEATING J. McKelvie 21-14 in the Second Round of the Open Singles lawn bowls championship at the Club de Recreio yesterday, U. M. Omar also defeated the "jinx" that has dogged him on each of the other occasions on which he has won the title.

Champion in 1931, he was eliminated in the first round of the 1932 competition; winner in 1937, he was eliminated in the first round of the 1938 tournament; and winner last year he anticipated that his luck would continue, and that he would suffer defeat in his first match yesterday. He received a bye in the first round.

And it was well on the cards too, for McKelvie, over the first 15 heads was playing excellent bowls. At the 11th he was leading 11-6, but with a succession of singles, however, Omar crept up to 10-11 on the 16th.

The pavilion end of the ground was bad, especially for a full head. The jack rested in the spot where the mat would lie, and on the 16th head both men found the dip and alternately lay the shot when their woods turned over at right angles to the line of flight.

Over the last heads, however, Omar was on and around the jack for almost every head. McKelvie on isolated occasions came through with last words that only just failed. The 21st head saw one of the occasions. Omar lay 3-2, and McKelvie's last wood took out one shot and then rolled over the wrong way to leave 2, otherwise the shot would have been McKelvie's.

A.E. COATES ELIMINATED

M. R. ABBAS repeated his performance of last year's and eliminated A. E. Coates 22-10 yesterday at the Civil Service C.C. Coates was not playing too well, and when Abbas drew for two 4's on the 6th and 16th ends, Coates was unable to draw near enough to disturb the position.

The victory was not a surprise, but the margin of 12 shots was.

CLOSE MATCH

ONE of the closest matches was at the K.C.C. where C.C. Pereira beat Y. Abbas 21-18 on the 24th head. On the 22nd end the scores were tied 18-18, and despite Pereira's single on the 23rd, the match was only lost when Abbas lost touch over the 24th and gave away a 3.

Scores yesterday were:

RESULTS

Club de Recreio
U. M. Omar beat J. McKelvie 21-14 on 24th head.
Civil Service C.C.
M. R. Abbas beat A. E. Coates 22-10 on 17th head.
W. Gill beat E. G. Post 21-15 on 23rd.

Kowloon F.C.

F. X. M. Silva beat B. Basto 21-8 on 18th.

Kowloon B.C.C.

W. J. Howard beat C. H. Basto 21-10 on 17th.

Kowloon C.C.

C. C. Pereira beat Y. Abbas 21-18 on 24th.

J. S. Landolt beat C. Dowman 21-11 on 21st.

Craigswater C.C.

M. N. Nakusen beat F. P. Anslow 21-11 on 18th.

A. R. Minu beat J. J. Basto 21-5 on 16th.



J. McKELVIE ... at one time appeared the likely winner.—Staff Photographer.

Major Baseball

CLEVELAND BEATEN BY ST. LOUIS

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (UP).—Cleveland Indians dropped in the American League to-day when they were beaten by the St. Louis Browns, and Detroit Tigers, who were idle, are now further ahead in the race for the pennant.

Scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

St. Louis 7 14 3
Cleveland 2 6 0
Batteries: Auker, Swift, 2 6 0
Cleveland: Harder, Eisenstat, Allen, Pytlak, Hempley, 4 7 0
Washington: Kraskauskas, Haynes, Carrasquel, Early, 9 8 0
New York: Chandler, Murphy, Rosar, Dickey, (Called in the 7th owing to darkness), 8 9 2
Boston: Wilson, Desautels, 4 9 2
Philadelphia: Beckman, Hayes, 3 6 0

League Table

Detroit 87 62 234
Cleveland 89 64 273

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York 4 9 0
Batteries: Lohman, Melton, Dean, Odom, 8 9 0
Brooklyn: Wyatt, Casey, Franks, 8 9 0

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Eighth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 5th and Thursday, 10th October, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Jockey Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road. Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 20th September, 1940.

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3.4"	x	1 1/4" & 5/32"
57 mm	x	2 mm & 3 mm
60 mm	x	2 mm & 4 mm
61 1/2 mm	x	3/32" & 5/32"
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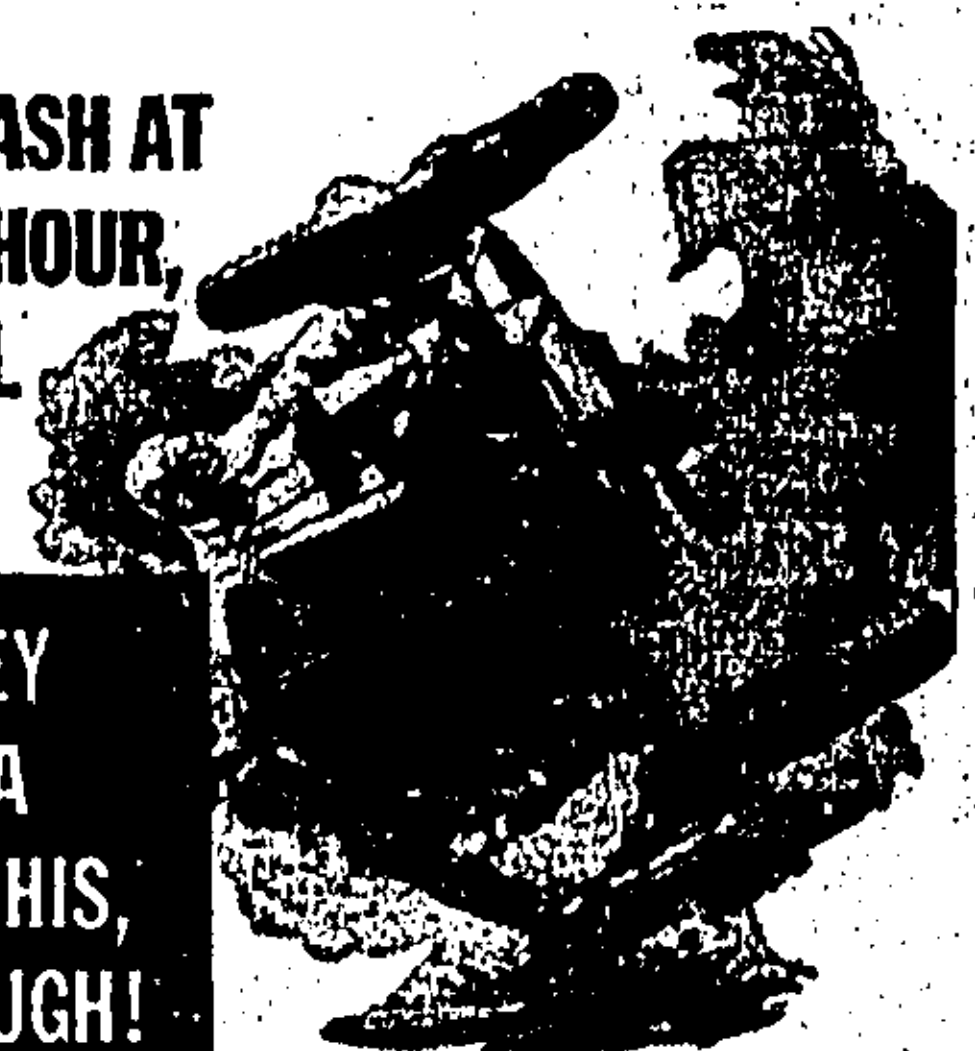
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R.A.F. ATTACK ON NAZI M.T.B.s

Spectacular Dive-Bombing

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Five German E-boats—fast motor torpedo boats—cruising off Cap Gris Nez were bombed by six British bombers this afternoon.

Columns of water a hundred feet high leapt into the air along the line of motor boats, hiding the latter from view.

Protecting Spitfires sped across the sky as the bombers re-climbed for another attack.

No direct hits were observed but all the boats turned and dashed for the shore.

Chungking Urges British To Open The Burma Road

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Sept. 24 (UP).—Britain is being urged by Chungking to open the Burma Road.

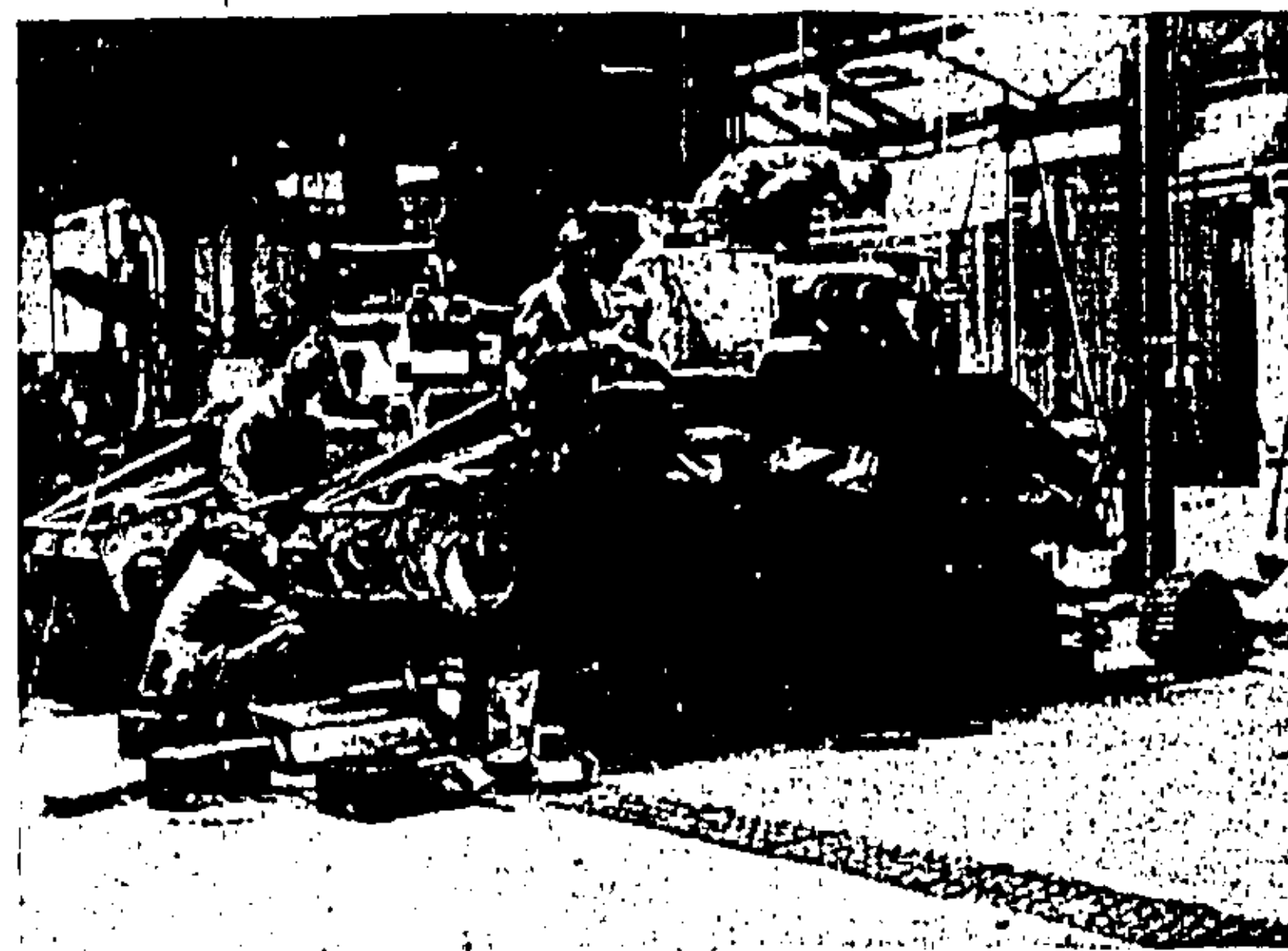
The official "Central Daily News" to-day declared that opening of the Burma Road by Britain was essential if the Japanese were to be prevented from invading

Burma through Indo-China.

"The invasion of French Indo-China, under the pretext of a passage for Japanese troops to march on China, is really a move to attack Far Eastern possessions of the British Empire such as Hongkong, Singapore and Burma," declared the editorial.

"The best and most effective self-protection for Britain is to reopen the Burma Road," concluded the paper.

Britain's Tank Army Is Growing Fast



The Northern Command R.A.O.C. Motor Transport Workshops are averaging eighteen hours a day, overhauling and repairing motor transport of all descriptions. They are here photographed at work re-erecting a light tank.

Chinese Protest Rejected

A Vichy message from "Dome" says that M. Baudouin the French Foreign Minister has rejected the Chinese protest against the Decoux-Nishihara agreement for the landing of Japanese troops, and has notified Chungking that France cannot permit penetration of Chinese troops into Tongking.

"United Press" from Chungking says that political circles in the Chinese capital read M. Baudouin's comment on the Hunan pact with obvious contempt. They declare that M. Baudouin is deceiving himself when he says that the military concessions to Japan are temporary, exceptional in nature and in force only for the duration of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

"Will Resist Japanese"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UP).—The French Ambassador, M. Guston Henry Hays, said in the French Chamber of Deputies that the French troops in Indo-China are determined to resist the Japanese troops regardless of the odds.

American Interest

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The United States is closely watching the situation between Thailand and Indo-China, Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, declared to-day. The question of the United States licensing airplanes to be sent to Thailand may be investigated, he added.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

R.A.F. Raids Italian Bases In Abyssinia

Raids by the Royal Air Force on the Italian bases in Eritrea, Libya and Abyssinia are described in official communiques.

LONDON: German Formations Broken Up

Two German formations, consisting of bombers escorted by a large number of fighters, made attacks across the coast and in the area of the Thames Estuary this morning. Neither force penetrated to London.

Some bombs were dropped in Thames-side towns. Damage was caused to houses and buildings but the number of casualties was small.

Early this afternoon, an enemy air attack was made in the Southampton area. Some buildings were damaged and a number of casualties were caused.

Yesterday the afternoon, enemy air activity was not on a large scale but in attacks by single aircraft bombs were dropped in a number of districts, including Brighton.

Damage was caused to houses, business premises and a number of casualties were reported.

Eight enemy aircraft were destroyed to-day. Four of our fighters have been lost but the pilot of one is safe. It is now established that two enemy bombers were shot down by anti-aircraft guns during the night of Monday-Tuesday.

R.A.F.: More Raids On Italian Bases

Our bombers attacked aircraft on the Menstir landing ground on Sunday. All bombs fell on the target area.

Yesterday a second attack was delivered. Three explosions among the aircraft were followed by a fire. Two raids were made on Tobruk harbour yesterday. In the first, bombs burst among the buildings and near the jetty. In the second, bombs fell on buildings and very near ships beside the jetty.

Zulu in Eritrea was attacked on September 21. Fires were started in the centre of the camp and were visible 20 miles away.

Yesterday a successful attack was made on the aerodrome of Man Adaga. Two fighters were definitely destroyed.

The South African Air Force raided Selassiamanna, in central Abyssinia, on September 22.

CAIRO: Our Artillery Silences Enemy

No change has occurred in the situation in the western desert, according to a G.H.Q. communique.

CHANNEL OPERATIONS Brest Bombed

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Further British bombing operations on the French and Belgian coast is announced by the Air Ministry news office.

At the naval station of Brest this morning long lines of bombs were dropped on the torpedo boat station, oil tanks and stores.

Explosions were followed by four fires.

A pillar of dense black smoke enveloped the harbour and flames were visible more than 30 miles from the French coast.

Other aircraft of the Coastal Command laid sticks of bombs across the canal mouth at Zebrugge. Unusually large flashes followed the explosions of their salvos.

AXIS PARLEYS

Collaboration Boast

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—A hint of the part Africa may have played in the recent Ribbentrop-Mussolini talks was given to-day by the Italian Colonial Minister, who has been engaged in discussions in Germany.

Future collaboration between Germany and Italy is completely settled, he said.

Ribbentrop has now reported to Hitler about his talks. No statement has yet been issued as to what was achieved but it is believed that the Germans demanded a hand in Syria by addition of German advisers in the Italian Armistice Commission.

British Submarine Feared Lost

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that H.M. submarine Thetis (Lieut. Commr. W. D. Dunkerly, R.N.) is overdue and must be considered lost.

The next of kin have been informed.

Crossword Puzzle

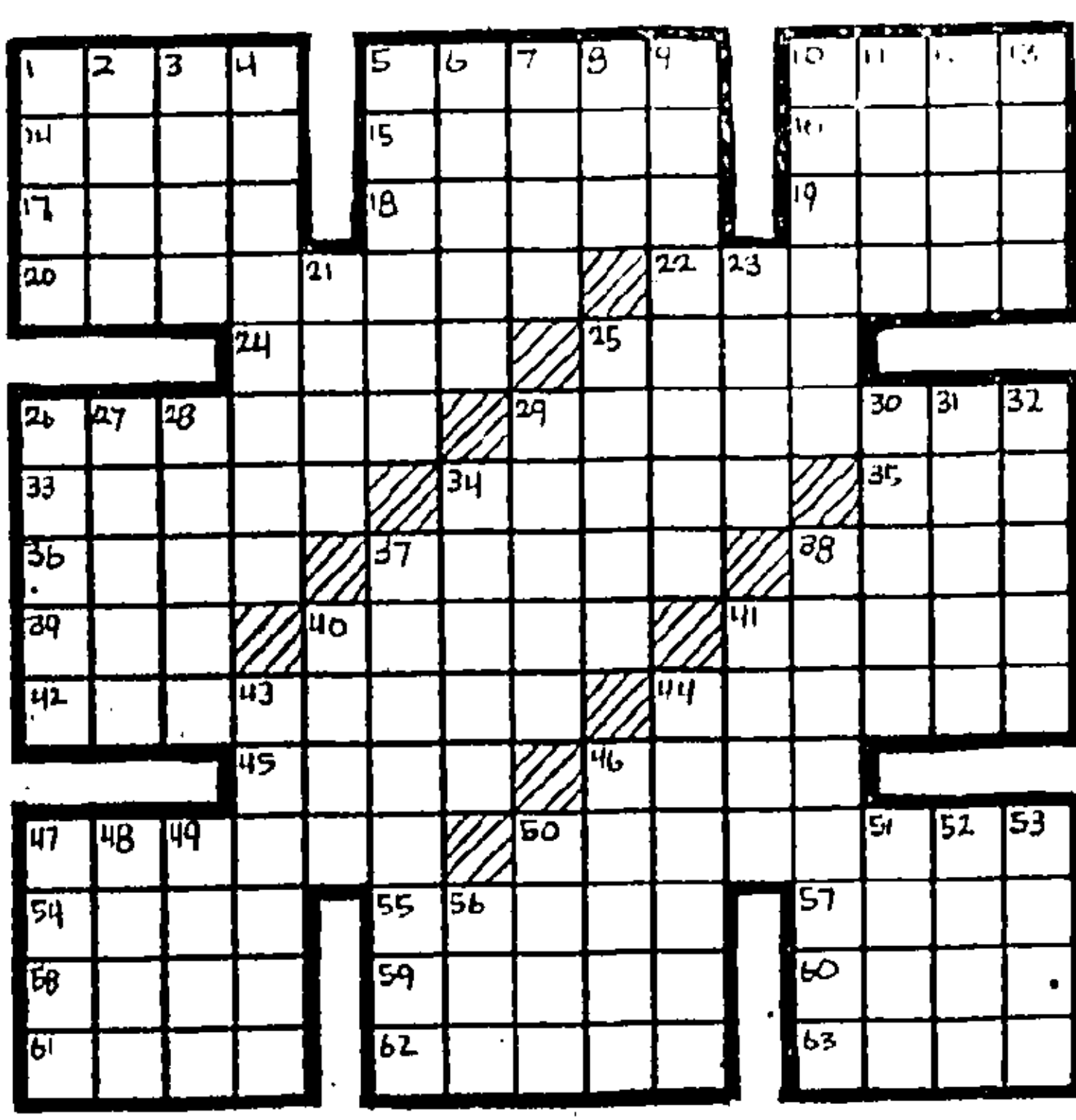
By LAES MORRIS

ACROSS

1. Name in news
2. Out of leather
3. Name of goddess
4. Woman's voice
5. Old woman
6. British baronet
7. Modern dignitary
8. Musician
9. Dravidian
10. Distribution
11. Sharp pain
12. Pyrotechnic in back of fireplace
13. Bombers from sky
14. Get away
15. Cuckoo
16. Performances
17. Wigs
18. Juvenile
19. Gliding sound
20. Jumped head
21. Foreword
22. Executive chair of
23. Wristing treatment
24. Lined
25. Peas
26. Pylon-shaped body
27. Drove
28. Mountain peak
29. Maracas player
30. Rites
31. Roosting
32. Ship of Argonauts
33. Aerial wild dog
34. Wasp
35. Combining form
36. head
37. Combining gold

DOWN

1. Indian weapon
2. Secretary
3. Groups of three performers
4. French sea marshal
5. Jewel
6. Flight of Abbotney
7. British school
8. Breathing organ
9. Military assistant
10. Tumult
11. Surge of water
12. Come to point
13. Not legally
14. French in steam
15. French general
16. Killed at
17. Was assumed of
18. Bird's claw
19. State happy
20. Pretext in fear
21. Abandon
22. Judgment day
23. Turned from
24. Partridge
25. Pass court in
26. Small cabinet
27. Choice
28. Chinese and
29. Musical
30. Hindi subject
31. Aerial who
32. Devourer of flesh
33. Female
34. American cult
35. Colour



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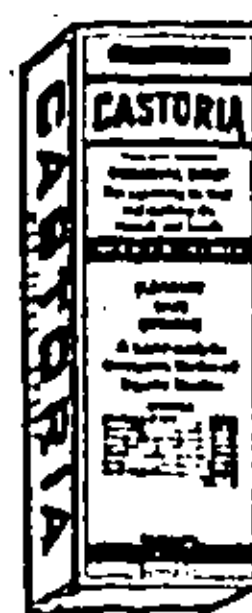
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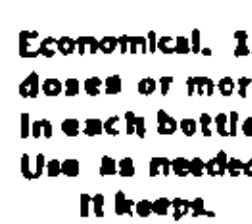
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LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—

Another division of the Australian Expeditionary Force will be formed, Mr. R. G. Menzies, the premier, announced to-day.

The nucleus of this division, the 9th division, will be certain units already overseas. The rest will leave soon.

Major-General Henry Gordon Bennett has been named Commanding Officer of the 8th division, which is still in Australia.

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Appeals To Be Heard Publicly

The following official communiqué to the Press was issued yesterday afternoon, by the Colonial Secretary:

In connection with the recent appointment by His Excellency the Governor of an Evacuation Advisory Committee, the following information regarding the procedure to be adopted by the Committee is notified for general information.

1. The Committee will consider applications for exemption from evacuation of women and children who have not already been granted exemption, and applications on behalf of women or children who desire to return to the Colony. It is emphasized that permission to return will be granted only in entirely exceptional cases. Appeals on medical grounds or on grounds of individual hardship will not generally be considered.

2. Applications should be made in the first place in writing, a full statement of the grounds on which the application is made being given. The Committee will consider such applications in private.

3. In the event of an application made under paragraph 2 not being granted, the applicant may apply to the Committee for a hearing in person. Such applications will be heard in public session of the Committee.

Berlin-Born Count Gets D.F.C. Polish Pilot Shot Down Five Germans

—R.A.F. Awards

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Officers of two R.A.F. squadrons who have destroyed 84 enemy planes, a count who was born in Berlin but is a naturalised Briton and a Polish airman are the latest recipients of awards for gallantry in flying operations.

The honours included D.S.C. to Acting Squadron Leader Bader, the 30-year-old legless pilot who, after having both legs amputated following a crash, fought his way back to the R.A.F.

It is stated that during three recent engagements, Bader led his squadron with such skill and ability that 33 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

Bader added to his previous successes by destroying six enemy aircraft.

Sergeant Ozel Frantisek, of the Polish squadron, who receives the

Distinguished Flying Medal, destroyed five enemy aircraft in one week.

Seven More D.F.C.'s

The Count is Flying Officer Manfred Beckett Ozerlin, who receives the D.F.C. He has destroyed nine enemy aircraft.

Among other R.A.F. awards announced to-night are the D.F.C. to Acting Wing Commander David Wilson Reid, formerly with the British Military Mission in Egypt, and to Acting Squadron Leader W.E. Gardner in recognition of attacks on large concentrations at Ostend this month and to seven fighter pilots, two of whom destroyed enemy aircraft at night.

Britain's Splendid Shipping Position

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—That Britain to-day controls more shipping tonnage than before the war but that the war has increased the demands upon it are the outstanding points in a statement by Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping, reviewing the position at the beginning of the second year of the war.

Germany now controls only about two-thirds of the pre-war tonnage and that is restricted to the Baltic and a limited part of the European coast-line.

Italy is in a similar predicament with only three quarters of her pre-war ships.

By contrast, British ships continue to sail the oceans despite attacks by submarine raiders, mines, aircraft and intely by E-boats.

Full Compensation

Eight per cent of the pre-war merchant fleet, which has been lost by enemy action, is more than made up by captures, new construction and transfers from foreign flags.

The shipping position, however, assumes a different appearance from pre-war, since materials which formerly came from Europe must now be derived from more distant sources while ships ordinary routed via the Mediterranean now take a longer voyage by the Cape.

Moreover many ships are employed on armed merchant cruisers and others are bringing materials for the manufacture of munitions of so vast a scale as to make great inroads on the space available for normal cargoes.

The Minister emphasised, however, that sufficient shipping is available to meet all essential needs not only for imports but for exports.

In a subsequent broadcast, Mr. Cross appeals to the public to economise in the purchase of non-essentials and mentioned that British imports now amount to between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 tons a month compared to 6,000,000 in pre-war time.

Aid Britain More Says N.Y. "Times"

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—More and more help for Britain is urged by the "New York Times," in a leading article to-day.

The British are already holding our front line, the paper says. They are manning our defences and strengthening our security with their life blood. Therefore, our help to them should be speeded up, not next spring or after the elections but now.

Scheduled to arrive here from America and Manila on October 4, the Honolulu Clipper is expected to leave on her return journey the following morning.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The market to-day was quietly steady with little or no change in rates, and a small volume of business recorded.

Buyers:

H.K. Fire Ins. \$150; Humphreys \$7.15; Realities \$3.40; Trams \$15.85; Star Ferries \$30; Yau-mat Ferries \$22; China Lights (old) \$7; China Lights (new) \$4; Electric (old) \$38.25; Electric (new) \$37.80; Telephones (new) \$9.80; Ropes \$5.50; Dairy Farms \$10.50; Watsons \$8.85; Entertainment \$6.00.

Sellers:

Realities \$3.55; Trams \$16; China Lights (old) \$7.15; Macao Electric (old) \$17; Macao Electric (new) \$10; Telephones (old) \$24.75.

Sales:

Tramways \$4.55; Star Ferries \$30; China Lights (old) \$7.05; Telephones (old) \$24.50; Cements \$10.

LATE NEWS

U.S. EMBARGO FORECAST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Japan's tactics in French Indo-China will shortly result in President Roosevelt imposing an embargo on war materials to Japan, observers here predicted to-day.

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